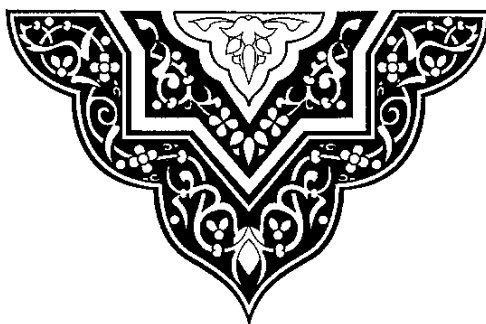


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### Prayer for Guidance

1. In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful. 2. All praise is for Allah—Lord of all worlds, 3. the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful, 4. Master of the Day of Judgment. 5. You ‘alone’ we worship and You ‘alone’ we ask for help. 6. Guide us along the Straight Path, 7. the Path of those You have blessed—not those You are displeased with, or those who are astray.



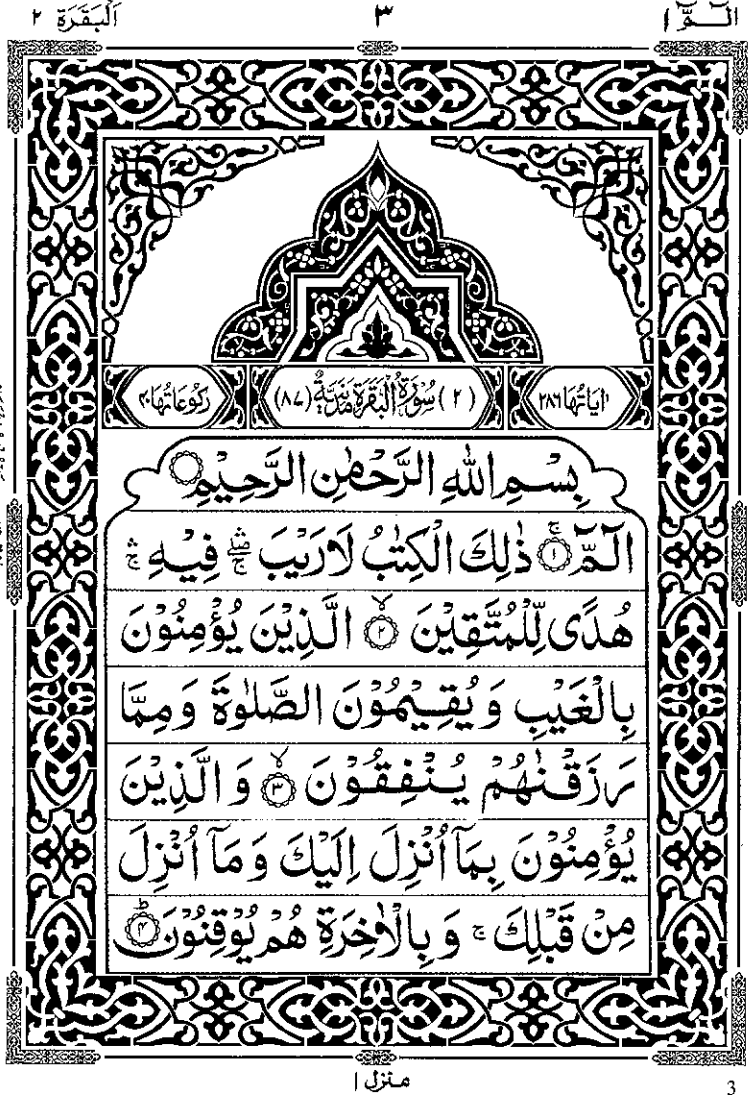
## 2. The Cow (Al-Baqarah)

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### Qualities of the Believers

1. *Alif-Lām-Mīm*.<sup>1</sup> 2. This is the Book! There is no doubt about it<sup>2</sup>—a guide for those mindful 'of Allah',<sup>3</sup> 3. who believe in the unseen,<sup>4</sup> establish prayer, and donate from what We have provided for them, 4. and who believe in what has been revealed to you 'O Prophet'<sup>5</sup> and what was revealed before you, and have sure faith in the Hereafter.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ  
مَعَالِيقُ  
مَعَالِيقُ



1 See Stylistic Features for information about these letters.

2 i.e., there is no doubt regarding its authenticity or consistency.

3 The word *muttaqi* (plural *muttaqûn*) can be translated as one who is mindful 'of Allah', devout, pious, God-fearing, righteous, or God-conscious.

4 i.e., the belief in Allah, the angels, and the Day of Judgment.

5 See Notes on Translation for information about the use of 'O Prophet'.

أُولَئِكَ عَلَى هُدًى مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٥﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ ءَأَنذَرْتَهُمْ أَمْ لَمْ

تُنذِرْهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٦﴾ خَتَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ وَعَلَى

سَمْعِهِمْ وَعَلَى أَبْصَارِهِمْ غِشَاوَةٌ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ

عَظِيمٌ ﴿٧﴾ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَقُولُ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَ

بِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَا هُمْ بِبُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨﴾ يُخَدِّعُونَ اللَّهَ

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَمَا يُخَدِّعُونَ إِلَّا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ

أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٠﴾ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ ﴿١١﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا

تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُصْلِحُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ الْمُفْسِدُونَ وَلَكِن لَّا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ وَإِذَا

قِيلَ لَهُمْ آمِنُوا كَمَا آمَنَ النَّاسُ قَالُوا أَنُؤْمِنُ

كَمَا آمَنَ السُّفَهَاءُ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ السُّفَهَاءُ وَلَكِن

لَّا يَعْلَمُونَ

منزل ١

5. It is they who are 'truly' guided by their Lord, and it is they who will be successful.

#### Qualities of the Disbelievers

6. As for those who persist in disbelief, it is the same whether you warn them or not—they will never believe. 7. Allah has sealed their hearts and their hearing, and their sight is covered. They will suffer a tremendous punishment.

#### Qualities of the Hypocrites

8. And there are some who say, "We believe in Allah and the Last Day," yet they are not 'true' believers. 9. They seek to deceive Allah and the believers, yet they only deceive themselves, but they fail to perceive it. 10. There is sickness in their hearts, and Allah 'only' lets their sickness increase. They will suffer a painful punishment for their lies. 11. When they are told, "Do not spread corruption in the land," they reply, "We are only peace-makers!"<sup>6</sup> 12. Indeed, it is they who are the corruptors, but they fail to perceive it. 13. And when they are told, "Believe as others believe," they reply, "Will we believe as the fools believe?" Indeed, it is they who are fools,

ع - وَقَدْ لَزِمَ

6 When they were criticized for their close association with the pagans who were hostile to Muslims, they would argue that they only wanted to make peace between Muslims and their enemies.

but they do not know. 14. When they meet the believers they say, "We believe." But when alone with their evil associates they say, "We are definitely with you; we were only mocking." 15. Allah will throw their mockery back at them, leaving them to continue wandering blindly in their defiance. 16. They are the ones who trade guidance for misguidance. But this trade is profitless, and they are not 'rightly' guided.

#### *Hypocrites' Example*

17. Their example is that of someone who kindles a fire, but when it lights up all around them, Allah takes away their light, leaving them in complete darkness—unable to see. 18. They are 'wilfully' deaf, dumb, and blind, so they will never return 'to the Right Path'.

#### *Another Example*

19. Or 'those caught in' a rainstorm from the sky with darkness, thunder, and lightning. They press their fingers into their ears at the sound of every thunder-clap for fear of death. And Allah encompasses the disbelievers 'by His might'. 20. It is as if the lightning were about to snatch away their sight. Whenever lightning strikes, they walk in its light, but when darkness covers them, they stand still. Had Allah willed, He could have taken away their hearing and sight.

لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ وَإِذَا لَقُوا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَالُوا آمَنَّا وَإِذَا خَلَوْا إِلَىٰ شُيَاطِينِهِمْ قَالُوا إِنَّا مَعَكُمْ إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُسْتَهْزَؤُونَ ﴿١٥﴾ اللَّهُ يَسْتَهْزِئُ بِهِمْ وَيَمُدُّهُمْ فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ اشْتَرُوا الضَّلَالَةَ بِالْهُدَىٰ فَمَا رَبِحَتْ تِجَارَتُهُمْ وَمَا كَانُوا مُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٧﴾ مَثَلُهُمْ كَمَثَلِ الَّذِي اسْتَوْقَدَ نَارًا ۖ فَلَمَّا أَضَاءَتْ مَا حَوْلَهُ ذَهَبَ اللَّهُ بِنُورِهِمْ وَتَرَكَهُمْ فِي ظُلُمٍ ۖ لَّا يَبْصُرُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ صُمٌّ بُكْمٌ عُمْىٰ فَهُمْ لَا يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿١٩﴾ أَوْ كَصَيِّبٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ فِيهِ ظُلُمٌ ۖ وَرَعْدٌ ۖ وَبَرْقٌ ۖ يَّجْعَلُونَ أَصَابِعَهُمْ فِيٓ أَذَانِهِمْ مِّنَ الصَّوَاعِقِ حَذَرَ الْمَوْتِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ مُحِيطٌۢ بِالْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٠﴾ يَكَادُ الْبَرْقُ يَخْطَفُ أَبْصَارَهُمْ ۖ كُلَّمَا أَضَاءَ لَهُمْ مَّشَوْا فِيهِ ۖ وَإِذَا أَظْلَمَ عَلَيْهِمْ قَامُوا ۗ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَذَهَبَ بِسَمْعِهِمْ

وَأَبْصَارِهِمْ

مَنْزِلٌ ۙ

Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything.

#### Order to Worship Allah Alone

21. O humanity! Worship your Lord, Who created you and those before you, so that you may become mindful 'of Him'. 22. 'He is the One' Who has made the earth a place of settlement for you and the sky a canopy; and sends down rain from the sky, causing fruits to grow as a provision for you. So do not knowingly set up equals to Allah 'in worship'.

#### The Challenge of the Quran

23. And if you are in doubt about what We have revealed to Our servant,<sup>7</sup> then produce a sûrah like it and call your helpers other than Allah, if what you say is true. 24. But if you are unable to do so—and you will never be able to do so—then fear the Fire fuelled with people and stones, which is prepared for the disbelievers.

#### Reward of the Believers

25. Give good news 'O Prophet' to those who believe and do good that they will have Gardens under which rivers flow. Whenever provided with fruit, they will say, "This is what we were given before," for they will be served fruit that looks similar 'but tastes different'.

وَابْصَارِهِمْ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝ يٰٓأَيُّهَا  
النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ  
قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ۝ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ  
فِرَاشًا وَالسَّمَاءَ بِنَاءً ۖ وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجَ  
بِهِ مِنَ الشَّجَرَاتِ رِزْقًا لَّكُمْ ۖ فَلَا تَجْعَلُوا لِلَّهِ أَنْدَادًا وَّ  
أَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ۝ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ  
عَبْدِنَا فَاتَّبِعُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّثْلَهُ ۖ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ  
مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ۝ فَإِنْ لَّمْ تَفْعَلُوا  
وَلَنْ تَفْعَلُوا فَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ الَّتِي وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَ  
الْحِجَارَةُ ۖ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ۝ وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا  
الْأَنْهَارُ كُلَّمَا رُزِقُوا مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَرَةٍ رِّزْقًا ۖ قَالُوا  
هَٰذَا الَّذِي رُزِقْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ وَأُتُوا بِهِ مُتَشَابِهًا وَلَهُمْ

They will have pure spouses,<sup>8</sup> and they will be there forever.

### Wisdom Behind Parables

26. Surely Allah does not shy away from using the parable of a mosquito or what is even smaller. As for the believers, they know that it is the truth from their Lord. And as for the disbelievers, they argue, "What does Allah mean by such a parable?" Through this 'test', He leaves many to stray, and guides many. And He leaves none to stray except the rebellious—  
27. those who violate Allah's covenant after it has been affirmed, break whatever 'ties' Allah has ordered to be maintained, and spread corruption in the land. It is they who are the 'true' losers.

### Allah's Creation

28. How can you deny Allah? You were lifeless and He gave you life, then He will cause you to die and again bring you to life, and then to Him you will 'all' be returned. 29. He is the One Who created everything in the earth for you. Then He turned towards the heaven, forming it into seven heavens. And He has 'perfect' knowledge of all things.

### Honouring Adam

30. 'Remember' when your Lord said to the angels, "I am going to place a successive 'human' authority on earth." They asked 'Allah', "Will You place in it someone who will spread corruption there and shed blood

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فِيهَا أَزْوَاجٌ مُطَهَّرَةٌ ۖ وَهُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَسْتَحْيِي أَنْ يَضْرِبَ مَثَلًا مَّا بَعُوضَةً فَمَا فَوْقَهَا ط فَامَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ ۚ وَامَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَيَقُولُونَ مَاذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِهَذَا مَثَلًا ۖ يُضِلُّ بِهِ كَثِيرًا ۖ وَيَهْدِي بِهِ كَثِيرًا ط وَمَا يُضِلُّ بِهِ إِلَّا الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾ الَّذِينَ يَنْقُضُونَ عَهْدَ اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مِيثَاقِهِ ۖ وَيَقْطَعُونَ مَا أَمَرَ اللَّهُ بِهِ أَنْ يُوصَلَ وَيُفْسِدُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ ط أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ كَيْفَ تَكْفُرُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَكُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا فَأَحْيَاكُمْ ۖ ثُمَّ يُمَيِّتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيكُمْ ثُمَّ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ فَسَوَّاهُنَّ سَبْعَ سَمَوَاتٍ ط وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً ط قَالُوا أَتَجْعَلُ فِيهَا مَنْ يُفْسِدُ

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8 Residents of Paradise will be in a perfect condition. There will be neither physical impurities such as illness, urination, defecation, or menstruation; nor spiritual blemishes such as jealousy, envy, or hatred.

الْقَفَّةُ ٢  
 فِيهَا مَنْ يَفْسِدُ فِيهَا وَيَسْفِكُ الدِّمَاءَ وَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُ  
 بِحَمْدِكَ وَنُقَدِّسُ لَكَ ۖ قَالَ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣١﴾  
 وَعَلَّمَ آدَمَ الْأَسْمَاءَ كُلَّهَا ثُمَّ عَرَضَهُمْ عَلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ  
 فَقَالَ أَنْبِئُونِي بِأَسْمَاءِ هَؤُلَاءِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾  
 قَالُوا سُبْحَانَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا ۖ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيمُ  
 الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٣٣﴾ قَالَ يَا آدَمُ أَنْبِئْهُمْ بِأَسْمَائِهِمْ ۖ فَلَمَّا أَنْبَأَهُمْ  
 بِأَسْمَائِهِمْ قَالَ أَلَمْ أَقُلْ لَكُمْ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ غَيْبِ السَّمُوتِ  
 وَالْأَرْضِ وَأَعْلَمُ مَا تُبْدُونَ وَمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْتُمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَإِذْ  
 قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ ۖ أَبَى  
 وَاسْتَكْبَرَ ۖ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَقُلْنَا يَا آدَمُ اسْكُنْ  
 أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَكُلَا مِنْهَا رَغَدًا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا وَلَا  
 تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ فَأَزَلَّهُمَا  
 الشَّيْطَانُ عَنْهَا فَأَخْرَجَهُمَا مِمَّا كَانَا فِيهِ ۖ وَقُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا  
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while we glorify Your praises and proclaim Your holiness?" Allah responded, "I know what you do not know."<sup>9</sup> 31. He taught Adam the names of all things, then He presented them to the angels and said, "Tell Me the names of these, if what you say is true?" 32. They replied, "Glory be to You! We have no knowledge except what You have taught us. You are truly the All-Knowing, All-Wise." 33. Allah said, "O Adam! Inform them of their names." Then when Adam did, Allah said, "Did I not tell you that I know the secrets of the heavens and the earth, and I know what you reveal and what you conceal?" 34. And 'remember' when We said to the angels, "Prostrate before Adam,"<sup>10</sup> so they all did—but not *Iblis*,<sup>11</sup> who refused and acted arrogantly,<sup>12</sup> becoming unfaithful.

#### Temptation and Fall

35. We cautioned, "O Adam! Live with your wife in Paradise and eat as freely as you please, but do not approach this tree, or else you will be wrongdoers." 36. But Satan deceived them—leading to their fall from the 'blissful' state they were in,<sup>13</sup> and We said, "Descend from the heavens 'to the earth' as enemies to each other."<sup>14</sup>

Allah knew that there would be many righteous people who would do good, make peace, and stand up for justice. Since humans have free choice, whoever chooses to believe and do good is better in the sight of Allah than all other beings, and whoever chooses to disbelieve and do evil is worse than all other beings. See 98:6-8.

Prostration in this verse does not mean worship, but an act of respect. A similar occurrence can be found in Sūrah 12, where Jacob (ؑ), his wife, and his eleven children knelt down before Joseph (ؑ).

*Iblis* was the name of Satan before his fall from grace. *Iblis* was not an angel, but one of the jinn (see 18:50). Jinn are another creation of Allah, similar to humans in that they—unlike angels—have free will, but are made of smokeless fire and live in another plane of existence.

The command to prostrate was a test of obedience. Satan arrogantly refused to comply because he believed he was superior to Adam—arguing that Adam was made of mud while Satan was made of fire (see 7:12).

Both Adam and Eve were deceived, both sinned, and both were later forgiven. There is no concept of original sin in Islam.

i.e., humans and Satan.

You will find in the earth a residence and provision for your appointed stay.” 37. Then Adam was inspired with words ‘of prayer’ by his Lord,<sup>15</sup> so He accepted his repentance. Surely He is the Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful. 38. We said, “Descend all of you! Then when guidance comes to you from Me, whoever follows it, there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve. 39. But those who disbelieve and deny Our signs will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever.”

#### Advice to the Israelites

40. O children of Israel!<sup>16</sup> Remember My favours upon you. Fulfil your covenant and I will fulfil Mine, and stand in awe of Me ‘alone’. 41. Believe in My revelations which confirm your Scriptures. Do not be the first to deny them or trade them for a fleeting gain.<sup>17</sup> And be mindful of Me. 42. Do not mix truth with falsehood or hide the truth knowingly. 43. Establish prayer, pay alms-tax,<sup>18</sup> and bow down with those who bow down.

#### More Advice

44. Do you preach righteousness

بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُسْتَقَرٌّ وَمَتَاعٌ

إِلَىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٣٧﴾ فَتَلَقَّىٰ آدَمُ مِنْ رَبِّهِ كَلِمَاتٍ فَتَابَ عَلَيْهِ ط

إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٣٨﴾ قُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا مِنْهَا جَمِيعًا

فَمَا يَأْتِيَكُمْ مِنْهُ هُدًى فَمَنْ تَبِعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ

عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يُحْزَنُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا

بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

يَبْنَئِ إِسْرَءِيلَ أَذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتِيَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ

وَأَوْفُوا بِعَهْدِي أُوفِ بِعَهْدِكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ فَارْهَبُونِ ﴿٤١﴾ وَ

آمِنُوا بِمَا أَنْزَلْتُ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا مَعَكُمْ وَلَا تَكُونُوا أَوَّلَ

كَافِرٍ بِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَشْتَرُوا بِآيَاتِي ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا ۚ وَإِيَّايَ

فَاتَّقُونِ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَلَا تَلْبِسُوا الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْتُمُوا

الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾ وَأَقِمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا

الزَّكَاةَ وَارْكَعُوا مَعَ الرُّكَّعِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾ أَتَاْمُرُونَ النَّاسَ

15 The prayer that Adam and Eve were inspired to say is mentioned in 7:23, “Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You do not forgive us and have mercy on us, we will certainly be losers.”

16 Israel is another name for Prophet Jacob.

17 Trading Allah’s revelations for a fleeting gain is a recurring theme in the first few sūrahs of the Quran. This refers to the practice of some Jewish authorities in Medina who contradicted certain rulings in the Torah by giving people lenient opinions only to please them in exchange for money.

18 The alms-tax (zakāh) is the payment of 2.5% of someone’s savings only if the amount is equivalent to or greater than 85 g of gold, if that amount remains untouched for a whole Islamic year—around 355 days.



بِالْبِرِّ وَتَتَسَوَّنَ أَنْفُسُكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَتْلُونَ الْكِتَابَ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ ۚ وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾ الَّذِينَ يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُلْقَوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ وَأَنَّهُمْ إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ يَبْنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ أَذْكَرُوا نِعْمَتِي الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَأَلِيَّ فَضَّلْتُمْ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا لَا تَجْزِي نَفْسٌ عَنْ نَفْسٍ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَقْبَلَ مِنْهَا شَفَاعَةٌ وَلَا يُؤْخَذُ مِنْهَا عَدْلٌ وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَإِذْ نَجَّيْنَاكُمْ مِنَ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَسُومُونَكُمْ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ يَدَّبْحُونَ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ وَيَسْتَحْيُونَ نِسَاءَكُمْ ۚ وَفِي ذَلِكَ بَلَاءٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٢٨﴾ وَإِذْ فَرَقْنَا بِكُمْ الْبَحْرَ فَأَنْجَيْنَاكُمْ وَأَغْرَقْنَا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَأَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَإِذْ وَعَدْنَا مُوسَىٰ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً ثُمَّ اتَّخَذْتُمُ الْعِجْلَ مِن بَعْدِهِ

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▲ and fail to practice it yourselves, although you read the Scripture? Do you not understand? 45. And seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, it is a burden except for the humble— 46. those who are certain that they will meet their Lord and to Him they will return.

#### Allah's Favours upon the Israelites 1) Honour

47. O Children of Israel! Remember 'all' the favours I granted you and how I honoured you above the others.<sup>19</sup> 48. Guard yourselves against the Day on which no intercession<sup>20</sup> will be accepted, no ransom taken, and no help will be given.

#### Favour 2) Ending Persecution

49. 'Remember' how We delivered you from the people of Pharaoh, who afflicted you with dreadful torment, slaughtering your sons and keeping your women. That was a severe test from your Lord.

#### Favour 3) Parting the Sea

50. And 'remember' when We parted the sea, rescued you, and drowned Pharaoh's people before your very eyes.

#### Favour 4) Forgiving Calf-Worship

51. And 'remember' when We appointed forty nights for Moses, then you worshipped the calf in his

<sup>19</sup> Meaning, I chose you above all peoples of your time.

<sup>20</sup> "Intercession" is the act of pleading with Allah on behalf of another person on the Day of Judgment.

absence, acting wrongfully. 52. Even then We 'still' forgave you so perhaps you would be grateful.

*Favour 5) Revealing the Torah*

53. And 'remember' when We gave Moses the Scripture—the standard 'to distinguish between right and wrong' that perhaps you would be 'rightly' guided.

*Favour 6) The Way to Forgiveness*

54. And 'remember' when Moses said to his people, "O my people! Surely you have wronged yourselves by worshipping the calf, so turn in repentance to your Creator and execute 'the calf-worshippers among' yourselves. That is best for you in the sight of your Creator." Then He accepted your repentance. Surely He is the Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful.

*Favour 7) Forgiving the Demand to See Allah*

55. And 'remember' when you said, "O Moses! We will never believe you until we see Allah with our own eyes," so a thunderbolt struck you while you were looking on. 56. Then We brought you back to life after your death, so that perhaps you would be grateful.

*Favour 8) Food and Shade*

57. And 'remember when' We shaded you with clouds and sent down to you manna and quails,<sup>21</sup> 'saying', "Eat from the good things We have provided for you." The evildoers 'certainly' did not wrong Us, but wronged themselves.

*Favour 9) Permission to Enter Jerusalem*

58. And 'remember' when We said, "Enter this city and eat freely from wherever you please; enter the gate with humility, saying, 'Absolve us.'"

وَأَنْتُمْ ظَالِمُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾ ثُمَّ عَفَوْنَا عَنْكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَإِذْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ وَالْفُرْقَانَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَى لِقَوْمِهِ يَقَوْمِ إِنَّكُمْ ظَلَمْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ بِاتِّخَاذِكُمُ الْعِجْلَ فَتُوبُوا إِلَى بَارِيكُمْ فَاقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ عِنْدَ بَارِيكُمْ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٥٥﴾ وَإِذْ قُلْتُمْ يَٰمُوسَىٰ لَن نُّؤْمِنَ لَكَ حَتَّىٰ نَرَى اللَّهَ جَهْرَةً فَأَخَذَتْكُمُ الصَّعِقَةُ وَأَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾ ثُمَّ بَعَثْنَاكَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِكَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَظَلَّلْنَا عَلَيْكُمُ الْغَمَامَ وَأَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَنَّٰ وَالسَّلْوٰ ط كُلُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَمَا ظَلَمُونَا وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾ وَإِذْ قُلْنَا ادْخُلُوا هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةَ فَبَايَعْتُمْ رَسُولَنَا أَنْ تَدْخُلُوا الْبَابَ سُجَّدًا

وَقُولُوا

مَنْزِلًا

21 Manna (heavenly bread) and quails (chicken-like birds) sustained the children of Israel in the wilderness after they left Egypt.

وَقُولُوا حِطَّةٌ نَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ خَطِيئَتَكُمْ وَسَنَزِيدُ الْحَسَنِينَ ۝٥٩

فَبَدَّلَ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا قَوْلًا غَيْرَ الَّذِي قِيلَ لَهُمْ فَأَنْزَلْنَا

عَلَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا رِجْزًا مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَا كَانُوا

يَفْسُقُونَ ۝٥٩ وَإِذْ اسْتَسْقَىٰ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ فَقُلْنَا اضْرِبْ

بِعَصَاكَ الْحَجَرَ فَانْفَجَرَتْ مِنْهُ اثْنَتَا عَشْرَةَ عَيْنًا ۖ

قَدْ عَلِمَ كُلُّ أُنَاسٍ مَّشْرِبَهُمْ ۖ كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا مِنْ

رِزْقِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تَعَثُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُمْسِدِينَ ۝٦٠ وَإِذْ قُلْتُمْ

يُوسَىٰ لَن نَّصْبِرَ عَلَىٰ طَعَامٍ وَاحِدٍ فَادْعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ

يُخْرِجْ لَنَا مِمَّا تُنْتَبِئُ الْأَرْضُ مِنْ بَقْلِهَا وَقِثَّائِهَا

وَفُؤْمِهَا وَعَدَسِهَا وَبَصِلِهَا ۖ قَالَ أَتَسْتَبْدِلُونَ

الَّذِي هُوَ أَدْنَىٰ بِالَّذِي هُوَ خَيْرٌ ۖ إِهْبِطُوا مِصْرًا فَإِنَّ

لَكُمْ مِمَّا سَأَلْتُمْ ۖ وَضُرِبَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ الذِّلَّةُ وَالْمَسْكَنَةُ ۖ

وَبَاءَؤُ وَبَغَضٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ ۖ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ

We will forgive your sins and multiply the reward for the good-doers.”  
59. But the wrongdoers changed the words they were commanded to say. So We sent down a punishment from the heavens upon them for their rebelliousness.

#### Favour 10) Water for All

60. And ‘remember’ when Moses prayed for water for his people, We said, “Strike the rock with your staff.” Then twelve springs gushed out, ‘and’ each tribe knew its drinking place. ‘We then said,’ “Eat and drink of Allah’s provisions, and do not go about spreading corruption in the land.”

#### Punishment for Defiance

61. And ‘remember’ when you said, “O Moses! We cannot endure the same meal ‘every day’. So ‘just’ call upon your Lord on our behalf, He will bring forth for us some of what the earth produces of herbs, cucumbers, garlic, lentils, and onions.” Moses scolded ‘them’, “Do you exchange what is better for what is worse? ‘You can’ go down to any village and you will find what you have asked for.” They were stricken with disgrace and misery, and they invited the displeasure of Allah for

rejecting Allah's signs and unjustly killing the prophets. This is 'a fair reward' for their disobedience and violations.

#### Reward of the Believers

62. Indeed, the believers, Jews, Christians, and Sabians<sup>22</sup>—whoever 'truly' believes in Allah and the Last Day and does good will have their reward with their Lord. And there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve.<sup>23</sup>

#### Allah's Covenant with the Israelites

63. And 'remember' when We took a covenant from you and raised the mountain above you 'saying', "Hold firmly to that 'Scripture' which We have given you and observe its teachings so perhaps you will become mindful 'of Allah'." 64. Yet you turned away afterwards. Had it not been for Allah's grace and mercy upon you, you would have certainly been of the losers.

#### Punishment for the Sabbath-Breakers

65. You are already aware of those of you who broke the Sabbath. We said to them, "Be disgraced apes!"<sup>24</sup> 66. So We made their fate an example to present and future generations, and a lesson to the God-fearing.

#### Story of the Cow

67. And 'remember' when Moses said to his people, "Allah commands you to sacrifice a cow."<sup>25</sup>



22 The Sabians are an indigenous group that believes in a supreme being and lives mostly in Iraq.

23 This verse should be understood in light of 3:19 and 3:85. For more details, see the Introduction.

24 Although many scholars believe that these individuals were turned into real apes, others interpret this verse in a metaphorical sense. This style is not uncommon in the Quran. See 62:5 regarding the donkey that carries books and 2:18 regarding the deaf, dumb, and blind.

25 This sūrah is named after the cow in this story, which happened at the time of Moses (ﷺ). A rich man was killed by his nephew, his only heir, and the body was thrown at the door of an innocent man. After a long investigation, no one was identified as the killer. Moses (ﷺ) prayed for guidance and was told that the only way to find the killer was to sacrifice a cow and strike the victim with a piece of it. When this was done, the victim spoke miraculously and said who the killer was.

اتَّخَذْنَا هُزُوءًا ۖ قَالَ أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ أَنْ أَكُونَ مِنَ  
 الْجَاهِلِينَ ﴿٦٨﴾ قَالُوا ادْعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ يُبَيِّنْ لَنَا مَا هِيَ ۖ قَالَ  
 إِنَّهُ يَقُولُ إِنَّهَا بَقَرَةٌ لَا فَارِضٌ وَلَا بِكْرٌ ۖ عَوَانٌ  
 بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ ۖ فَافْعَلُوا مَا تُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾ قَالُوا ادْعُ لَنَا  
 رَبَّكَ يُبَيِّنْ لَنَا مَا لَوْنُهَا ۖ قَالَ إِنَّهُ يَقُولُ إِنَّهَا  
 بَقَرَةٌ صَفْرَاءٌ فَاقِعٌ لَوْنُهَا تَسُرُّ النَّاظِرِينَ ﴿٧٠﴾ قَالُوا  
 ادْعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ يُبَيِّنْ لَنَا مَا هِيَ ۖ إِنَّ الْبَقَرَ تَشْبَهُ عَلَيْنَا ۖ  
 وَإِنَّا إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْتَدُونَ ﴿٧١﴾ قَالَ إِنَّهُ يَقُولُ إِنَّهَا  
 بَقَرَةٌ لَا ذَلُولٌ تُثِيرُ الْأَرْضَ وَلَا تَسْقِي الْحَرْثَ  
 مُسَلَّمَةٌ لَا شِيَةَ فِيهَا ۖ قَالُوا الْكُنْ حَتَّىٰ بِالْحَقِّ ۖ  
 فَذَبْحُوهَا وَمَا كَادُوا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾ وَإِذْ قَتَلْتُمْ نَفْسًا  
 فَادْرَأْتُمْ فِيهَا ۖ وَاللَّهُ مُخْرِجٌ مَّا كُنْتُمْ تَكْتُمُونَ ﴿٧٣﴾  
 فَقُلْنَا اضْرِبُوهَ بِبَعْضِهَا ۖ كَذَلِكَ يُحْيِي اللَّهُ الْمَوْتَىٰ ۖ

They replied, "Are you mocking us?" Moses responded, "I seek refuge in Allah from acting foolishly!" 68. They said, "Call upon your Lord to clarify for us what type 'of cow' it should be!" He replied, "Allah says, 'The cow should neither be old nor young but in between. So do as you are commanded!'" 69. They said, "Call upon your Lord to specify for us its colour." He replied, "Allah says, 'It should be a bright yellow cow—pleasant to see.'" 70. Again they said, "Call upon your Lord so that He may make clear to us which cow, for all cows look the same to us. Then, Allah willing, we will be guided 'to the right one'." 71. He replied, "Allah says, 'It should have been used neither to till the soil nor water the fields; wholesome and without blemish.'" They said, "Now you have come with the truth." Yet they still slaughtered it hesitantly! 72. "This is" when a man was killed and you disputed who the killer was, but Allah revealed what you concealed. 73. So We instructed, "Strike the dead body with a piece of the cow." This is how 'easily' Allah brings the dead to life, showing you His signs

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so that you may understand. 74. Even then your hearts became hardened like a rock or even harder, for some rocks gush rivers; others split, spilling water; while others are humbled in awe of Allah. And Allah is never unaware of what you do.

#### Disobedient Israelites

75. Do you "believers still" expect them to be true to you, though a group of them would hear the word of Allah then knowingly corrupt it after understanding it? 76. When they meet the believers they say, "We believe." But in private they say 'to each other', "Will you disclose to the believers the knowledge Allah has revealed to you,<sup>26</sup> so that they may use it against you before your Lord? Do you not understand?" 77. Do they not know that Allah is aware of what they conceal and what they reveal? 78. And among them are the illiterate who know nothing about the Scripture except lies,

وَيُرِيكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٧٤﴾ ثُمَّ قَسَتْ قُلُوبُكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ فَهِيَ كَالْحِجَارَةِ أَوْ أَشَدُّ قَسْوَةً وَإِنَّ مِنَ الْحِجَارَةِ لَمَا يَتَفَجَّرُ مِنْهُ الْأَنْهَارُ وَإِنَّ مِنْهَا لَمَا يَشْقُقُ فَيُخْرِجُ مِنْهُ الْمَاءُ وَإِنَّ مِنْهَا لَمَا يَهْبِطُ مِنْ خَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾ أَفَتَطْمَعُونَ أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا لَكُمْ وَقَدْ كَانَ فَرِيقٌ مِنْهُمْ يَسْمَعُونَ كَلِمَ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ يَحَرِّفُونَهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا عَقَلُوهُ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٧٦﴾ وَإِذْ الْقَوَالِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَالُوا آمَنَّا وَإِذَا خَلَا بِعَضُدُهُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ قَالُوا اتَّخَذُوا آلَهُنَّ مِمَّا فَتَحَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ لِيُحَاجُّوكُمْ بِهِ عِنْدَ رَبِّكُمْ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٧٧﴾ أَوَلَا يَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا يُسِرُّونَ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾ وَمِنْهُمْ أُمِّيُونَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا أَمَانِي وَإِنَّهُمْ إِلَّا

<sup>26</sup> i.e., verses prophesizing the coming of the Prophet (ﷺ) in the Torah (including Deuteronomy 18:15-18 and 33:2).

and 'so' they 'wishfully' speculate. 79. So woe<sup>27</sup> to those who distort the Scripture with their own hands then say, "This is from Allah"—seeking a fleeting gain! So woe to them for what their hands have written, and woe to them for what they have earned.

#### Argument and Refutation

80. 'Some of' the Jews claim, "The Fire will not touch us except for a number of days." Say, 'O Prophet,' "Have you taken a pledge from Allah—for Allah never breaks His word—or are you 'just' saying about Allah what you do not know?" 81. But no! Those who commit evil and are engrossed in sin will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever. 82. And those who believe and do good will be the residents of Paradise. They will be there forever.

#### The Israelites' Failure to Keep Covenants

83. And 'remember' when We took a covenant from the children of Israel 'stating', "Worship none but Allah; be kind to parents, relatives, orphans and the needy; speak kindly to people; establish prayer; and pay alms-tax." But you 'Israelites' turned away—except for a few of you—and were indifferent.

يُظَنُّونَ ﴿٧٩﴾ فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَكْتُبُونَ الْكِتَابَ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ  
ثُمَّ يَقُولُونَ هَذَا مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ لِيَشْتَرُوا بِهِ ثَمَنًا  
قَلِيلًا ۖ فَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا كَتَبَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا  
يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾ وَقَالُوا لَنْ تَمَسَّنَا النَّارُ إِلَّا أَيَّامًا مَعْدُودَةً ۖ  
قُلْ اتَّخَذْتُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَهْدًا فَلَنْ يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ عَهْدَهُ  
أَمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨١﴾ بَلَى مَنْ كَسَبَ  
سَيِّئَةً وَآحَاطَتْ بِهِ خَطِيئَتُهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ  
هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾ وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا  
مِيثَاقَ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ لَا تَعْبُدُونَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ ۖ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ  
إِحْسَانًا وَذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالسَّكِينِ وَقُولُوا  
لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا ۖ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ ۖ  
ثُمَّ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِّنْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ مُّعْرِضُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾

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84. And 'remember' when We took your covenant that you would neither shed each other's blood nor expel each other from their homes, you gave your pledge and bore witness.

85. But here you are, killing each other and expelling some of your people from their homes, aiding one another in sin and aggression; and when those 'expelled' come to you as captives, you still ransom them—though expelling them was unlawful for you.<sup>28</sup> Do you believe in some of the Scripture and reject the rest? Is there any reward for those who do so among you other than disgrace in this worldly life and being subjected to the harshest punishment on the Day of Judgment? For Allah is never unaware of what you do. 86. These are the ones who trade the Hereafter for the life of this world. So their punishment will not be reduced, nor will they be helped.

#### *Denying Allah's Prophets*

87. Indeed, We gave Moses the Book and sent after him successive messengers. And We gave Jesus, son of Mary, clear proofs and supported him with the holy spirit.<sup>29</sup>

وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَكُمْ لَا تَسْفِكُونَ دِمَاءَكُمْ وَلَا تُخْرِجُونَ  
 أَنْفُسَكُمْ مِنْ دِيَارِكُمْ ثُمَّ أَقْرَرْتُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تُشْهَدُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾  
 ثُمَّ أَنْتُمْ هَؤُلَاءِ تَقْتُلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَتُخْرِجُونَ فَرِيقًا  
 مِنْكُمْ مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ لِتُظْهَرُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِالْإِثْمِ  
 وَالْعُدْوَانِ وَإِنْ يَأْتُوكُمْ أُسْرَى تَفْدُوهُمْ وَهُوَ  
 مُحَرَّمٌ عَلَيْكُمْ إِخْرَاجُهُمْ أَفَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِبَعْضِ الْكِتَابِ  
 وَتَكْفُرُونَ بِبَعْضٍ فَبَأْ جَزَاءُ مَنْ يَفْعَلُ ذَلِكَ  
 مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا خِزْيٌ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ  
 يُرَدُّونَ إِلَى أَشَدِّ الْعَذَابِ ۖ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ  
 عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ اشْتَرُوا الْحَيَاةَ  
 الدُّنْيَا بِالْآخِرَةِ فَلَا يَخَفُ عَنْهُمْ الْعَذَابُ  
 وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ  
 وَوَقَّيْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ بِالرُّسُلِ ۖ وَآتَيْنَا عِيسَى ابْنَ

مَرْيَمَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ

مَنْزِلًا

28 The indigenous people of Medina were divided into two warring groups: *Al-Aws* and *Al-Khazraj*. Some Jewish tribes were allied with the former and others with the latter, which meant that in times of war each of these Jewish tribes had to fight along with their allies against their enemies, including other Jews. When the Prophet (ﷺ) migrated to Medina, he brought about a lasting peace in the city.

29 The holy spirit is Gabriel, a mighty angel created from light, whose main duty is to communicate Allah's messages to prophets.



مَرِيَمَ الْبَيْتِ وَآيَدُهُ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ أَفَكَلَمَّا  
 جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ بِمَا لَا تَهْوَى أَنْفُسُكُمْ اسْتَكْبَرْتُمْ  
 فَفَرِيقًا كَذَّبْتُمْ ۖ وَفَرِيقًا تَقْتُلُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾ وَقَالُوا  
 قُلُوبُنَا غُلْفٌ ۚ بَلْ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِكُفْرِهِمْ فَقَلِيلًا  
 مَّا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾ وَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ كِتَابٌ مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ  
 مُصَدِّقٌ لِّمَا مَعَهُمْ ۖ وَكَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ يَسْتَفْتِحُونَ عَلَى  
 الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۚ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ مَّا عَرَفُوا كَفَرُوا بِهِ ۖ  
 فَلَعَنَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾ بِئْسَمَا اشْتَرَوْا بِهِ  
 أَنْفُسَهُمْ أَن يَكْفُرُوا بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ بَعِيًّا أَن يُنَزَّلَ  
 اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ۖ فَبَاءُوا  
 بِغَضَبٍ عَلَى غَضَبٍ ۖ وَلِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ﴿٩٠﴾  
 وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ آمِنُوا بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا نُوْمِنُ بِمَا  
 أَنزَلَ عَلَيْنَا وَيكْفُرُونَ بِمَا وَرَاءَ ۚ وَهُوَ الْحَقُّ

Why is it that every time a messenger comes to you 'Israelites' with something you do not like, you become arrogant, rejecting some and killing others? 88. They say, "Our hearts are unreceptive!"<sup>30</sup> In fact, Allah has condemned them for their disbelief. They have but little faith.

#### Rejecting the Quran

89. Although they used to pray for victory 'by means of the Prophet' over the polytheists,<sup>31</sup> when there came to them a Book from Allah which they recognized,<sup>32</sup> confirming the Scripture they had 'in their hands', they rejected it. So may Allah's condemnation be upon the disbelievers. 90. Miserable is the price they have sold their souls for—denying Allah's revelation and resenting Allah for granting His grace to whoever He wills of His servants! They have earned wrath upon wrath. And such disbelievers will suffer a humiliating punishment.

#### Excuse for Rejecting the Quran

91. When it is said to them: "Believe in what Allah has revealed," they reply, "We only believe in what was sent down to us," and they deny what came afterwards, though it is the truth confirming their own Scriptures!

30 Their hearts are unreceptive because they claim they have enough knowledge already.

31 lit., the disbelievers.

32 i.e., the Quran.

Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Why then did you kill Allah's prophets before, if you are 'truly' believers?"

#### Moses Was Defied Too

92. Indeed, Moses came to you with clear proofs, then you worshipped the calf in his absence, acting wrongfully. 93. And when We took your covenant and raised the mountain above you 'saying', "Hold firmly to that 'Scripture' which We have given you and obey," they answered, "We hear and disobey." The love of the calf was rooted in their hearts because of their disbelief. Say, 'O Prophet', "How evil is what your 'so-called' belief prompts you to do, if you 'actually' believe 'in the Torah'!"

#### Clinging to Life

94. Say, "O Prophet," "If the 'eternal' Home of the Hereafter with Allah is exclusively for you 'Israelites' out of all humanity, then wish for death if what you say is true!" 95. But they will never wish for that because of what their hands have done.<sup>33</sup> And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of the wrongdoers. 96. You will surely find them clinging to life more eagerly than any other people, even more than polytheists. Each one of them wishes to live a thousand years. But even if they were to live that long, it would not save them from the punishment.

مُصَدِّقَاتِهَا مَعَهُمْ ۖ قُلْ فَلِمَ تَقْتُلُونَ أَنْبِيَاءَ اللَّهِ  
مِنْ قَبْلُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٩٢﴾ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مُوسَى  
بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ثُمَّ اتَّخَذْتُمُ الْعِجْلَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَأَنْتُمْ  
ظَالِمُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾ وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَكُمْ وَرَفَعْنَا فَوْقَكُمُ  
الطُّورَ ۖ خُذُوا مَا آتَيْنَاكُمْ بِقُوَّةٍ وَاسْمِعُوا ۚ قَالُوا  
سَمِعْنَا وَعَصَيْنَا وَأَشْرَبُوا فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْعِجْلَ بِكُفْرِهِمْ  
قُلْ إِنَّمَا يُأْمُرُكُمْ بِهٖ إِيْبَانُكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾  
قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَكُمْ الدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَالِصَةً  
مِّنْ دُونِ النَّاسِ فَتَمَتُّوا أَلَمُوتَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٩٥﴾  
وَلَكِنْ يَتَمَنَّوْهُ أَبَدًا ۖ إِنَّمَا قَدَّمَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمُ  
بِالظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٩٦﴾ وَلَتَجِدَنَّهُمْ أَحْرَصَ النَّاسِ عَلَى  
حَيَوةٍ ۚ وَمِنَ الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا ۚ يَوَدُّ أَحَدُهُمْ لَوْ يُعَمَّرَ  
أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ ۚ وَمَا هُوَ بِمُرْحَزِهِ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ أَنْ

يُعَمَّرَ

مَنْزِلًا

33 i.e., disobeying Allah, killing some of the prophets (including Zachariah and John the Baptist), claiming to have killed Jesus, accusing Mary of adultery, and dealing with usury. See 4:153-158.

And Allah is All-Seeing of what they do.

### Rejecting the Truth

97. Say, "O Prophet," "Whoever is an enemy of Gabriel should know that he revealed this "Quran" to your heart by Allah's Will, confirming what came before it—a guide and good news for the believers." 98. Whoever is an enemy of Allah, His angels, His messengers, Gabriel, and Michael, then "let them know that" Allah is certainly the enemy of the disbelievers. 99. Indeed, We have sent down to you "O Prophet" clear revelations. "But" none will deny them except the rebellious. 100. Why is it that every time they make a covenant, a group of them casts it aside? In fact, most of them do not believe. 101. Now, when a messenger from Allah has come to them—confirming their own Scriptures—some of the People of the Book cast the Book of Allah behind their backs as if they did not know.

### Attachment to Magic

102. They "instead" followed the magic promoted by the devils during the reign of Solomon. Never did Solomon disbelieve, rather the devils disbelieved.

يُعَمَّرُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِصِيرِ رَبِّمَا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾ قُلْ مَنْ كَانَ  
عَدُوًّا لِجِبْرِيلَ فَإِنَّهُ نَزَّلَهُ عَلَى قَلْبِكَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ  
مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَهُدًى وَبُشْرَىٰ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٩٨﴾  
مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِلَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَجِبْرِيلَ  
وَمِيكَائِيلَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَدُوٌّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٩٩﴾ وَلَقَدْ  
أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ ۖ وَمَا يَكْفُرُ بِهَا إِلَّا  
الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿١٠٠﴾ أَوْ كَلِمَاتٍ عَهْدُوا عَهْدًا ثَبَدَهُ فَرِيقٌ  
مِّنْهُمْ ۚ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾ وَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ  
رَسُولٌ مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ مُصَدِّقٌ لِّمَا مَعَهُمْ نَبَذَ  
فَرِيقٌ مِّنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ ۙ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَرَاءَ  
ظُهُورِهِمْ كَأَنَّهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾ وَاتَّبَعُوا مَا تَتْلُوا  
الشَّيَاطِينُ عَلَىٰ مُلْكِ سُلَيْمَانَ ۖ وَمَا كَفَرَ سُلَيْمَانُ  
وَلَكِنَّ الشَّيَاطِينَ كَفَرُوا يُعَلِّمُونَ النَّاسَ السِّحْرَ وَمَا

They taught magic to the people, along with what had been revealed to the two angels, Hârût and Mârût, in Babylon.<sup>34</sup> The two angels never taught anyone without saying, "We are only a test 'for you', so do not abandon 'your' faith." Yet people learned "magic" that caused a rift 'even' between husband and wife; although their magic could not harm anyone except by Allah's Will. They learned what harmed them and did not benefit them—although they already knew that whoever buys into magic would have no share in the Hereafter. Miserable indeed was the price for which they sold their souls, if only they knew! 103. If only they were faithful and mindful 'of Allah', there would have been a better reward from Allah, if only they knew!

#### Advice for the Believers

104. O believers! Do not say, "*Râ'ina*." But say, "*Unẓurna*," and listen 'attentively'.<sup>35</sup> And the disbelievers will suffer a painful punishment. 105. The disbelievers from the People of the Book and the polytheists would not want you to receive any blessing from your Lord, but Allah selects whoever He wills for His mercy.

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النِّقْمَةُ

أُنْزِلَ عَلَى الْمَلَكَيْنِ بِبَابِلَ هَارُوتَ وَМАَرُوتَ ط  
وَمَا يَعْلَمَنِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ حَتَّى يَقُولَا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ فِتْنَةٌ  
فَلَا تَكْفُرْ فَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مِنْهُمَا مَا يُفَرِّقُونَ بِهِ بَيْنَ  
الْمَرْءِ وَزَوْجِهِ ط وَمَا هُمْ بِضَارِّينَ بِهِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ إِلَّا  
بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ط وَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مَا يَضُرُّهُمْ وَلَا يَنْفَعُهُمْ ط  
وَلَقَدْ عَلِمُوا لَمَنِ اشْتَرَاهُ مَا لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ  
خَلْقٍ ط وَلِبِئْسَ مَا شَرَوْا بِهِ أَنْفُسَهُمْ ط لَوْ كَانُوا  
يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾ وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَكُنْثُوبَةٌ مِّنْ  
عِنْدِ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لَّوْكَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٠٥﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا لَا تَقُولُوا رَاعِنَا وَقُولُوا انْظُرْنَا وَاسْمَعُوا ط  
وَاللَّكَفْرَيْنِ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٠٦﴾ مَا يَوَدُّ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَلَا الْمُشْرِكِينَ أَنْ يُنْزَلَ  
عَلَيْكُمْ مِّنْ خَيْرٍ مِّنْ رَبِّكُمْ ط وَاللَّهُ يَخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ

مَنْ يَشَاءُ

مَنْزِلًا

34 The two angels, Hârût and Mârût, were sent to enlighten the people in Babylon so they would not confuse magic tricks with miracles. Still some people abused this knowledge, causing mischief in the land. These practices persisted until the time of Solomon, who himself was falsely accused of utilizing magic to run his kingdom, subdue the jinn, and control the wind.

35 Some of the disbelievers used to play with words when they addressed the Prophet (ﷺ) in order to ridicule him. So instead of saying, *râ'ina* "listen to us," they would say, *râ'ina* "our shepherd" or "the foolish among us." They would say loudly, "We listen," then whisper, "but we disobey!" and say, "Hear us," then, "may you never hear!" They used to say to each other, "If he had truly been a prophet of Allah, he would have known that we are mocking him." Therefore, this verse (along with 4:46) was revealed commanding the believers to avoid such words altogether. Better words are recommended.

↑ And Allah is the Lord of infinite bounty.

### Obeying the Messenger

106. If We ever abrogate<sup>36</sup> a verse or cause it to be forgotten, We replace it with a better or similar one. Do you not know that Allah is Most Capable of everything? 107. Do you not know that the kingdom of the heavens and the earth belongs 'only' to Allah, and you have no guardian or helper besides Allah? 108. Or do you 'believers' intend to ask of your Messenger as Moses was asked before?<sup>37</sup> But whoever trades belief for disbelief has truly strayed from the Right Way.

### Adhering to the Straight Path

109. Many among the People of the Book wish they could turn you 'believers' back to disbelief because of their envy, after the truth has been made clear to them. Pardon and bear with them until Allah delivers His decision. Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything. 110. Establish prayer, and pay alms-tax. Whatever good you send forth for yourselves, you will 'certainly' find 'its reward' with Allah. Surely Allah is All-Seeing of what you do.

مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ۝۱۰۶ مَا نَنْسَخْ  
مِنْ آيَةٍ أَوْ نُنسِهَا نَأْتِ بِخَيْرٍ مِنْهَا أَوْ مِثْلَهَا ۗ أَلَمْ  
تَعْلَمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝۱۰۷ أَلَمْ تَعْلَمْ  
أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ وَمَا لَكُمْ  
مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ۝۱۰۸ أَمْ تَرِيدُونَ أَنْ  
تَسْأَلُوا رَسُولَكُمْ كَمَا سُئِلَ مُوسَىٰ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۗ وَمَنْ  
يَتَّبِعِلْ الْكُفْرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ ۝۱۰۹  
وَدَّ كَثِيرٌ مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَوْ يَرُدُّونَكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ  
إِيمَانِكُمْ كُفَّارًا ۖ حَسَدًا مِّنْ عِنْدِ أَنْفُسِهِمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ مَا  
تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الْحَقُّ ۖ فَاعْفُوا وَاصْفَحُوا ۚ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ  
بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝۱۱۰ وَاقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ  
وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ ۖ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ يُّجِدْوهُ  
عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ۝۱۱۱ وَقَالُوا

لَنْ يَدْخُلَ

مَنْزِلًا

36 The Quran was revealed over a period of twenty-three years. New rules were introduced when the believers were ready to accept and apply them. Replacing a ruling with another is called abrogation (*naskh*). For example, alcohol consumption was forbidden over three stages (see 2:219, 4:43, and 5:90, respectively). Some of the Prophet's companions said, "If drinking had been forbidden from day one, no one would have accepted Islam!"

37 i.e., asking to make Allah visible to them and make the angels talk to them.

### Claims and Refutations

111. The Jews and Christians each claim that none will enter Paradise except those of their own faith. These are their desires. Reply, 'O Prophet,' "Show 'me' your proof if what you say is true." 112. But no! Whoever submits themselves to Allah and does good will have their reward with their Lord. And there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve. 113. The Jews say, "The Christians have nothing to stand on" and the Christians say, "The Jews have nothing to stand on," although both recite the Scriptures. And those 'pagans' who have no knowledge say the same 'about people of faith'. Surely Allah will judge between them on the Day of Judgment regarding their dispute.

### Condemning Attacks on Places of Worship

114. Who does more wrong than those who prevent Allah's Name from being mentioned in His places of worship and strive to destroy them? Such people have no right to enter these places except with fear.<sup>38</sup> For them there is disgrace in this world and they will suffer a tremendous punishment in the Hereafter. 115. To Allah belong the east and the west, so wherever you turn you are facing 'towards' Allah.<sup>39</sup>

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لَنْ يَدْخُلَ الْجَنَّةَ إِلَّا مَنْ كَانَ هُودًا أَوْ نَصْرِيًّا  
تِلْكَ أَمَانِيُّهُمْ ۖ قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ  
صَادِقِينَ ﴿١١١﴾ بَلَىٰ ۚ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ  
مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ ۖ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا  
هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿١١٢﴾ وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ لَيْسَتِ النَّصْرَىٰ عَلَىٰ  
شَيْءٍ ۖ وَقَالَتِ النَّصْرَىٰ لَيْسَتِ الْيَهُودُ عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ ۚ  
وَهُمْ يَتْلُونَ الْكِتَابَ ۚ كَذَلِكَ قَالَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ  
مِثْلَ قَوْلِهِمْ ۚ قَالَ اللَّهُ يُحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ فِيمَا  
كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿١١٣﴾ وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ مَّنَعَ مَسْجِدَ  
اللَّهِ أَنْ يُذْكَرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ وَسَعَىٰ فِي خَرَابِهَا ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ  
مَا كَانَ لَهُمْ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوهَا إِلَّا خَائِفِينَ ۚ لَهُمْ فِي  
الدُّنْيَا خِزْيٌ وَلَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١١٤﴾  
وِلِلَّهِ الْمَشْرِقُ وَالْمَغْرِبُ ۚ فَأَيْنَمَا تُوَلُّوا فَثَمَّ وَجْهُهُ

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38 Or, "Such people should have never even entered these places except with reverence."

39 lit., wherever you turn, there is the Face of Allah.

Surely Allah is All-Encompassing,<sup>40</sup> All-Knowing.

#### Allah is in No Need of Children

116. They say, "Allah has offspring."<sup>41</sup> Glory be to Him! In fact, to Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth—all are subject to His Will. 117. 'He is' the Originator of the heavens and the earth! When He decrees a matter, He simply tells it, "Be!" And it is!

#### True Guidance

118. Those who have no knowledge say, "If only Allah would speak to us or a sign would come to us!" The same was said by those who came before. Their hearts are all alike. Indeed, We have made the signs clear for people of sure faith. 119. We have surely sent you with the truth 'O Prophet' as a deliverer of good news and a warner. And you will not be accountable for the residents of the Hellfire. 120. Never will the Jews or Christians be pleased with you, until you follow their faith. Say, "Allah's guidance is the only 'true' guidance." And if you were to follow their desires after "all" the knowledge that has come to you, there would be none to protect or help you against Allah.

اللَّهُ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ۝ وَقَالُوا اتَّخَذَ  
اللَّهُ وَلَدًا ۚ سُبْحَنَهُ ۖ بَلْ لَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَ  
الْأَرْضِ ۖ كُلٌّ لَّهُ قَنُوتٌ ۝ بَدِيعُ السَّمُوتِ وَ  
الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَإِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنِّهَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ  
فَيَكُونُ ۝ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ لَوْلَا يُكَلِّمُنَا  
اللَّهُ أَوْ تَأْتِينَا آيَةٌ ۖ كَذَلِكَ قَالَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ  
مِثْلَ قَوْلِهِمْ ۖ تَشَابَهَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ ۖ قَدْ بَيَّنَّا الْآيَاتِ  
لِقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ ۝ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَ  
نَذِيرًا ۚ وَلَا تُسْأَلُ عَنْ أَصْحَابِ الْجَحِيمِ ۝ وَلَنْ  
تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ  
مِلَّتَهُمْ ۖ قُلْ إِنَّ هُدَى اللَّهِ هُوَ الْهُدَىٰ ۖ وَلَئِنْ  
اتَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بَعْدَ الَّذِي جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ  
مَا لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ۝ الَّذِينَ

اتَّبَعَهُمْ

منزل ١

40 His mercy and knowledge covers all.

41 Jesus in Christianity, the angels in pagan Arab mythology, etc.

121. Those We have given the Book follow it as it should be followed. It is they who 'truly' believe in it. As for those who reject it, it is they who are the losers.

*Reminder of Favours upon the Israelites*

122. O Children of Israel! Remember My favours upon you and how I honoured you above the others.

123. And guard yourselves against the Day when no soul will be of any help to another. No ransom will be taken, no intercession accepted, and no help will be given.

*Abraham in Mecca*

124. 'Remember' when Abraham was tested by his Lord with 'certain' commandments, which he fulfilled. Allah said, "I will certainly make you into a role model for the people." Abraham asked, "What about my offspring?" Allah replied, "My covenant is not extended to the wrongdoers." 125. And 'remember' when We made the Sacred House<sup>42</sup> a centre and a sanctuary for the people 'saying', "'You may' take the standing-place of Abraham<sup>43</sup> as a site of prayer." And We entrusted Abraham and Ishmael to purify My House for those who circle it, who meditate in it, and who bow and prostrate themselves 'in prayer'.

اتَيْنَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَتْلُونَهُ حَقَّ تِلَاوَتِهِ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ  
يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿١٢١﴾ يٰبَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتِيَ الَّتِي  
أَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَأَنِّي فَضَّلْتُكُمْ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٢٢﴾  
وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا لَا تَجْزِي نَفْسٌ عَنْ نَفْسٍ شَيْئًا وَلَا  
يُقْبَلُ مِنْهَا عَدْلٌ وَلَا تَنْفَعُهَا شَفَاعَةٌ وَلَا هُمْ  
يُنصَرُونَ ﴿١٢٣﴾ وَإِذْ ابْتَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَبُّهُ بِكَلِمَاتٍ  
فَاتَمَّهِنَّ ۖ قَالَ إِنِّي جَاعِلُكَ لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا ۖ قَالَ وَمِنْ  
ذُرِّيَّتِي ۖ قَالَ لَا يَنَالُ عَهْدِي الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٢٤﴾ وَإِذْ جَعَلْنَا  
الْبَيْتَ مَثَابَةً لِّلنَّاسِ وَأَمْنًا ۖ وَاتَّخِذُوا مِن  
مَّقَامِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مُصَلًّى ۖ وَعَهِدْنَا إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَ  
إِسْمَاعِيلَ أَن طَهِّرَا بَيْتِيَ لِلطَّائِفِينَ وَالْعَاكِفِينَ  
وَالرُّكَّعِ السُّجُودِ ﴿١٢٥﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ

42 "The Sacred House" (Ka'bah) is a cube-shaped building in Mecca, Islam's holiest sanctuary, which Muslims face when they pray five times a day.

43 "The standing-place of Abraham" is the stone on which Abraham stood while he was building the Ka'bah.



126. And 'remember' when Abraham said, "My Lord, make this city 'of Mecca' secure and provide fruits to its people—those among them who believe in Allah and the Last Day." He answered, "As for those who disbelieve, I will let them enjoy themselves for a little while, then I will condemn them to the torment of the Fire. What an evil destination!"

#### *Raising the Foundation of the Sacred House*

127. And 'remember' when Abraham raised the foundation of the House with Ishmael, 'both praying,' "Our Lord! Accept 'this' from us. You are indeed the All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 128. Our Lord! Make us both 'fully' submit to You<sup>44</sup> and from our descendants a nation that will submit to you. Show us our rituals, and turn to us in grace. You are truly the Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful. 129. Our Lord! Raise from among them a messenger who will recite to them Your revelations, teach them the Book and wisdom, and purify them. Indeed, You 'alone' are the Almighty, All-Wise."

#### *One God*

130. And who would reject the faith of Abraham except a fool! We certainly chose him in this life, and in the Hereafter he will surely be among the righteous. 131. When his Lord ordered him,

هَذَا بَلَدًا آمِنًا وَارْزُقْ أَهْلَهُ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ مَنْ  
أَمِنَ مِنْهُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ قَالَ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ  
فَأَمَتُّهُ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ أَضْطَرُّهُ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ النَّارِ ط  
وَبِئْسَ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿١٢٧﴾ وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ  
مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ ط رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا ط إِنَّكَ  
أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿١٢٨﴾ رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمَيْنِ  
لَكَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةً مُّسْلِمَةً لَّكَ ۖ وَإِنَّا مِنَّا سِكَنًا  
وَتُبَّ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٢٩﴾ رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ  
فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ  
الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ ط إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ  
الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٣٠﴾ وَمَنْ يَرْغَبُ عَنْ مِّلَّةِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِلَّا  
مَنْ سَفِهَ نَفْسَهُ ط وَلَقَدْ اصْطَفَيْنَاهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا ۖ  
وَإِنَّهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ لَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٣١﴾ إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ

رَبُّهُ اسْلِمْ

مَنْزِلًا

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44 lit., make both of us Muslims. The word "Muslim" means "one who submits to Allah." All of the prophets submitted to Allah and were, therefore, Muslims.

“Submit to My Will,” he responded, “I submit to the Lord of all worlds.” 132. This was the advice of Abraham—as well as Jacob—to his children, “saying”, “Indeed, Allah has chosen for you this faith; so do not die except in ‘a state of full’ submission.” 133. Or did you witness when death came to Jacob? He asked his children, “Who will you worship after my passing?” They replied, “We will ‘continue to’ worship your God, the God of your forefathers—Abraham, Ishmael, and Isaac—the One God. And to Him we ‘all’ submit.” 134. That was a community that had already gone before. For them is what they earned and for you is what you have earned. And you will not be accountable for what they have done.

#### *Prophets of Islam*

135. The Jews and Christians each say, “Follow our faith to be ‘rightly’ guided.” Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “No! We follow the faith of Abraham, the upright—who was not a polytheist.” 136. Say, ‘O believers,’ “We believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us; and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and his descendants;

ٱلْأَنبِيَاءُ ٢٤ ٱلْأَنبِيَاءُ

رَبُّهُ ٱسْلِمَ ۖ قَالَ ٱسْلَمْتُ لِرَبِّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ ۝ وَوَصَّىٰ  
بِهَآءِٔ ٱبْرَٰهٖمَ بَنِيْهِ وَيَعْقُوبُ ۖ يٰبَنِيَّ ۖ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ  
لَكُمْ ٱلدِّينَ ۖ فَلَا تَبُوْثَنَّ اِلَّا وَاَنْتُمْ مُّسْلِمُوْنَ ۝ اَمْ  
كُنْتُمْ شٰهِدَآءَ اِذْ حَضَرَ يٰعْقُوبَ ٱلْمَوْتُ ۚ اِذْ قَالَ  
لِبَنِيْهِ مَا تَعْبُدُوْنَ مِنْۢ بَعْدِيْ ۖ قَالُوْٓا نَعْبُدُ ٱللَّهَ  
وَٱللَّهَ اٰبَآءُكُ اِبْرَٰهٖمَ وَ اِسْمٰعِيْلَ وَ اِسْحٰقَ ۚ ٱللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ ۖ  
وَنَحْنُ لَهٗ مُّسْلِمُوْنَ ۝ تِلْكَ اُمَّةٌۭ قَدْ خَلَتْ ۖ لَهَا مَا  
كَسَبَتْ وَلَكُمْ مَّا كَسَبْتُمْ ۖ وَلَا تَسْأَلُوْنَ عَمَّا كَانُوْٓا  
يَعْمَلُوْنَ ۝ وَقَالُوْٓا كُوْنُوْٓا هٰٓؤُلَآءِ اَوْ نَصْرِيْ تَهْتَدُوْٓا  
قُلْ بَلْ مِلَّةَ اِبْرَٰهٖمَ حَنِيفًا ۖ وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ  
ٱلْمُشْرِكِيْنَ ۝ قُوْلُوْٓا اٰمَنَّا بِٱللَّهِ وَمَا اُنْزِلَ اِلَيْنَا وَمَا  
اُنْزِلَ اِلَى اِبْرَٰهٖمَ وَ اِسْمٰعِيْلَ وَ اِسْحٰقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ  
وَٱلْاَسْبَاطِ وَمَا اُوْتِيَ مُوسٰى وَعِيسٰى وَمَا اُوْتِيَ

ٱلْاَسْبَاطِ ٱلْمُتَّبِعُونَ ٱلْمُتَّبِعُونَ

النَّبِيُّونَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ ۚ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ ۚ  
وَنُحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٣٧﴾ فَإِنْ آمَنُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا آمَنْتُمْ بِهِ  
فَقَدْ اهْتَدَوْا ۚ وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا هُمْ فِي شِقَاقٍ ۚ  
فَسِيكَفِيكُمْ اللَّهُ ۚ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿١٣٨﴾ صِبْغَةَ  
اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ صِبْغَةً ۚ وَنُحْنُ لَهُ  
عِبْدُونَ ﴿١٣٩﴾ قُلْ أَتَحَاجُّونَنَا فِي اللَّهِ وَهُوَ رَبُّنَا وَ  
رَبُّكُمْ ۚ وَلَنَا أَعْمَالُنَا وَلَكُمْ أَعْمَالُكُمْ ۚ وَنُحْنُ لَهُ  
مُخْلِصُونَ ﴿١٤٠﴾ أَمْ تَقُولُونَ إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ  
وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطَ كَانُوا هُودًا أَوْ  
نَصَارَى ۚ قُلْ ءَأَنْتُمْ أَعْلَمُ أَمِ اللَّهُ ۚ وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ  
كُتِبَ عَلَيْهِ شَهَادَةُ عِنْدَهُ مِنَ اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا  
تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٤١﴾ تِلْكَ أُمَّةٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ ۚ لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَلَكُمْ  
مَا كَسَبْتُمْ ۚ وَلَا تُسْأَلُونَ عَمَّا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٤٢﴾

and what was given to Moses, Jesus, and other prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them. And to Allah we all submit." 137. So if they believe in what you believe, then they will indeed be 'rightly' guided. But if they turn away, they are simply opposed 'to the truth'. But Allah will spare you their evil. For He is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

#### Many Messengers; One Message

138. This is the 'natural' Way of Allah. And who is better than Allah in ordaining a way? And we worship 'none but' Him. 139. Say, "Would you dispute with us about Allah, while He is our Lord and your Lord? We are accountable for our deeds and you for yours. And we are devoted to Him 'alone'. 140. Or do you claim that Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and his descendants were all Jews or Christians?" Say, "Who is more knowledgeable: you or Allah?" Who does more wrong than those who hide the testimony they received from Allah? And Allah is never unaware of what you do. 141. That was a community that had already gone before. For them is what they earned and for you is what you have earned. And you will not be accountable for what they have done.

### New Direction of Prayer

142. The foolish among the people will ask, "Why did they turn away from the direction of prayer they used to face?"<sup>45</sup> Say, 'O Prophet,' "The east and west belong 'only' to Allah. He guides whoever He wills to the Straight Path." 143. And so We have made you 'believers' an upright<sup>46</sup> community so that you may be witnesses over humanity and that the Messenger may be a witness over you. We assigned your former direction of prayer only to distinguish those who would remain faithful to the Messenger from those who would lose faith. It was certainly a difficult test except for those 'rightly' guided by Allah. And Allah would never discount your 'previous acts of' faith. Surely Allah is Ever Gracious and Most Merciful to humanity.

### Order to Face Mecca in Prayer

144. Indeed, We see you 'O Prophet' turning your face towards heaven. Now We will make you turn towards a direction 'of prayer' that will please you. So turn your face towards the Sacred Mosque 'in Mecca'—wherever you are, turn your faces towards it. Those who were given the Scripture certainly know this to be the truth from their Lord.

الْمُجْرِمِينَ الَّذِينَ

سَيَقُولُ السُّفَهَاءُ مِنَ النَّاسِ مَا وَلَّهُمْ عَن  
قِبْلَتِهِمُ الَّتِي كَانُوا عَلَيْهَا قُلْ لِلَّهِ الْمَشْرِقُ  
وَالْمَغْرِبُ ۚ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١٤٢﴾  
وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ  
عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا ۚ وَمَا  
جَعَلْنَا الْقِبْلَةَ الَّتِي كُنْتَ عَلَيْهَا إِلَّا لِنَعْلَمَ مَنْ  
يَتَّبِعُ الرَّسُولَ مِمَّنْ يَنْقَلِبُ عَلَى عَقْبَيْهِ ۚ وَإِن  
كَانَتْ لَكَبِيرَةً إِلَّا عَلَى الَّذِينَ هَدَى اللَّهُ ۚ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ  
لِيُضَيِّعَ إِيمَانَكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِالنَّاسِ لَرَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٤٣﴾  
قَدْ نَرَى تَقَلُّبَ وَجْهِكَ فِي السَّمَاءِ فَلَنُوَلِّيَنَّكَ  
قِبْلَةً تَرْضَاهَا فَوَلِّ وَجْهَكَ شَطْرَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ  
وَحَيْثُ مَا كُنْتُمْ فَوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ شَطْرَهُ ۚ وَإِن  
الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ لَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ

رَبِّهِمْ

مَنْزِلًا

45 For about sixteen months after daily prayers became obligatory, Muslims used to face towards Jerusalem before the order came to face a new qiblah (direction of prayer)—the Sacred Mosque in Mecca.

46 i.e., moderate, balanced, and outstanding.

رَّبِّهِمْ ۚ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٤٥﴾ وَلَئِنْ أَتَيْتَ

الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ بِكُلِّ آيَةٍ مَا تَبِعُوا قِبْلَتَكَ ۚ

وَمَا أَنْتَ بِتَابِعٍ قِبْلَتَهُمْ ۚ وَمَا بَعْضُهُمْ بِتَابِعٍ قِبْلَةَ

بَعْضٍ ۚ وَلَئِنْ اتَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَكَ

مِنَ الْعِلْمِ إِنَّكَ إِذًا لَمِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٤٦﴾ الَّذِينَ أَتَيْنَهُمُ

الْكِتَابَ يَعْرِفُونَهُ كَمَا يَعْرِفُونَ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ ۚ وَإِنَّ

فَرِيقًا مِنْهُمْ لَيَكْتُمُونَ الْحَقَّ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٤٧﴾

الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُبْتَرِّينَ ﴿١٤٨﴾

وَلِكُلٍّ وِجْهَةٌ هُوَ مُوَلِّيهَا فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ ۚ

إِنَّ مَا تَكُونُوا يَأْتِي بِكُمْ اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ

شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٤٩﴾ وَمِنْ حَيْثُ خَرَجْتَ فَوَلِّ وَجْهَكَ

شَطْرَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ ۚ وَإِنَّهُ لَلْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ ۚ وَمَا

اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٥٠﴾ وَمِنْ حَيْثُ خَرَجْتَ

And Allah is never unaware of what they do. 145. Even if you were to bring every proof to the People of the Book, they would not accept your direction 'of prayer', nor would you accept theirs; nor would any of them accept the direction 'of prayer' of another. And if you were to follow their desires after 'all' the knowledge that has come to you, then you would certainly be one of the wrongdoers.

#### The Truth About the Prophet

146. Those We have given the Scripture recognize this 'Prophet' as they recognize their own children. Yet a group of them hides the truth knowingly. 147. 'This is' the truth from your Lord, so do not ever be one of those who doubt. 148. Everyone turns to their own direction 'of prayer'. So compete with one another in doing good. Wherever you are, Allah will bring you all together 'for judgment'. Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything.

#### Order to Face the Sacred Mosque

149. Wherever you are 'O Prophet', turn your face towards the Sacred Mosque. This is certainly the truth from your Lord. And Allah is never unaware of what you 'all' do. 150. Wherever you are 'O Prophet',

وَقَدْ لَازِمٌ

وَقَدْ مَنَزَلٌ

وَقَدْ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

turn your face towards the Sacred Mosque. And wherever you 'believers' are, face towards it, so that people will have no argument against you, except the wrongdoers among them. Do not fear them; fear Me, so that I may 'continue to' perfect My favour upon you and so you may be 'rightly' guided.

#### Allah's Favour upon the Believers

151. Since We have sent you a messenger from among yourselves—reciting to you Our revelations, purifying you, teaching you the Book and wisdom, and teaching you what you never knew— 152. remember Me; I will remember you. And thank Me, and never be ungrateful.

#### Patience in Difficult Times

153. O believers! Seek comfort in patience and prayer. Allah is truly with those who are patient. 154. Never say that those martyred in the cause of Allah are dead—in fact, they are alive! But you do not perceive it. 155. We will certainly test you with a touch of fear and famine and loss of property, life, and crops. Give good news to those who patiently endure—

۱۵۱-۱۵۵ عَمَّا نَزَّلْنَا بِهِ مِنَ الْمَقَالِيدِ

قَوْلٍ وَجْهَكَ شَطْرَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ وَحَيْثُ مَا كُنْتُمْ  
قُولُوا وَجُوهَكُمْ شَطْرَهُ ۚ لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ لِلنَّاسِ  
عَلَيْكُمْ حُجَّةٌ ۚ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ ۚ فَلَا تَخْشَوْهُمْ  
وَاحْشَوْنِي ۚ وَلَا تَمَّ نِعْمَتِي عَلَيْكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ  
تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥١﴾ كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِيكُمْ رَسُولًا مِّنكُمْ يَتْلُوا  
عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِنَا وَيُزَكِّيكُمْ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ الْكِتَابَ  
وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُم مَّا لَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٥٢﴾  
فَاذْكُرُونِي أَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ ﴿١٥٣﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ ۚ إِنَّ  
اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٤﴾ وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي  
سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ ۚ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٥٥﴾  
وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ  
الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ ۚ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٦﴾

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مَنْزِلُ

الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَهُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ  
 رَاجِعُونَ ﴿١٥٦﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَ  
 رَحْمَةٌ ۖ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥٧﴾ إِنَّ الصَّفَا وَالْمَرْوَةَ  
 مِنْ شَعَائِرِ اللَّهِ ۚ فَمَنْ حَجَّ الْبَيْتَ أَوِ اعْتَمَرَ فَلَا  
 جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِ أَن يَطَّوَّفَ بِهِمَا ۚ وَمَن تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا ۖ  
 فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاكِرٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٥٨﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ مَا  
 أَنزَلْنَا مِنَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالْهُدَىٰ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا بَيَّنَّاهُ  
 لِلنَّاسِ فِي الْكِتَابِ أُولَٰئِكَ يَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَلْعَنُهُمُ  
 اللَّعْنُونَ ﴿١٥٩﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَأَصْلَحُوا وَبَيَّنَّاهُ  
 فَأُولَٰئِكَ أَتُوبُ عَلَيْهِمْ ۚ وَأَنَا التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٦٠﴾  
 إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَمَاتُوا وَهُمْ كُفَّارٌ أُولَٰئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ  
 لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٦١﴾ خُلِدُوا  
 فِيهَا لَا يُخَفَّفُ عَنْهُمْ الْعَذَابُ وَلَا هُمْ يُنْظَرُونَ ﴿١٦٢﴾

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156. who, when faced with a disaster, say, "Surely to Allah we belong and to Him we will 'all' return."  
 157. They are the ones who will receive Allah's blessings and mercy. And it is they who are 'rightly' guided.

#### A Pilgrimage Ritual

158. Indeed, 'the hills of' Şafa and Marwah<sup>47</sup> are among the symbols of Allah. So whoever performs the pilgrimage or minor pilgrimage,<sup>48</sup> let them walk between 'the two hills'. And whoever does good willingly, Allah is truly Appreciative, All-Knowing.

#### Warning to the Disbelievers

159. Those who hide the clear proofs and guidance that We have revealed—after We made it clear for humanity in the Book—will be condemned by Allah and 'all' those who condemn. 160. As for those who repent, mend their ways, and let the truth be known, they are the ones to whom I will turn 'in forgiveness', for I am the Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful. 161. Surely those who disbelieve and die as disbelievers are condemned by Allah, the angels, and all of humanity. 162. They will be in Hell forever. Their punishment will not be lightened, nor will they be delayed 'from it'.

47 Şafa and Marwah are two hills near the Ka'bah in Mecca.

48 Known as *haji* and *'umrah* respectively, pilgrimage to the Sacred Mosque in Mecca.

## Allah's Great Signs

163. Your God is 'only' One God. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful. 164. Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth; the alternation of the day and the night; the ships that sail the sea for the benefit of humanity; the rain sent down by Allah from the skies, reviving the earth after its death; the scattering of all kinds of creatures throughout; the shifting of the winds; and the clouds drifting between the heavens and the earth—"in all of this" are surely signs for people of understanding.

## Associating Others with Allah

165. Still there are some who take others as Allah's equal—they love them as they should love Allah—but the 'true' believers love Allah even more. If only the wrongdoers could see the 'horrible' punishment 'awaiting them', they would certainly realize that all power belongs to Allah and that Allah is indeed severe in punishment.

## Losers Disowning Each Other

166. 'Consider the Day' when those who misled others will disown their followers—when they face the torment—and the bonds that united them will be cut off. 167. The 'misled'

وَالْهُكْمُ لِلَّهِ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ  
الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٦٣﴾ إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَ  
اِخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَالْفُلْكِ الَّتِي تَجْرِي  
فِي الْبَحْرِ بِمَا يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ وَمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنَ  
السَّمَاءِ مِنْ مَّاءٍ فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا  
وَبَثَّ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ ۖ وَتَصْرِيفِ الرِّيْحِ وَ  
السَّحَابِ الْمُسَخَّرِ بَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَآيَاتٍ  
لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٦٤﴾ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَتَّخِذُ مِنْ  
دُونِ اللَّهِ أَنْدَادًا يُحِبُّونَهُمْ كَحُبِّ اللَّهِ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ ۖ وَلَوْ يَرَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا إِذْ يَرُونَ  
الْعَذَابَ أَنَّ الْقُوَّةَ لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا ۖ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ  
الْعَذَابِ ﴿١٦٥﴾ إِذْ تَبَرَّأَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا مِنَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا  
وَرَأَوْا الْعَذَابَ وَتَقَطَّعَتْ بِهِمُ الْأَسْبَابُ ﴿١٦٦﴾ وَقَالَ

الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا

مَنْزِلَ



followers will cry, "If only we could have a second chance, we would disown them as they disowned us." And so Allah will make them remorseful of their misdeeds. And they will never 'be able to' leave the Fire.

#### Warning Against Satan

168. O humanity! Eat from what is lawful and good on the earth and do not follow Satan's footsteps. He is truly your sworn enemy. 169. He only incites you to commit evil and indecency, and to claim against Allah what you do not know.

#### Blind Following

170. When it is said to them, "Follow what Allah has revealed," they reply, "No! We 'only' follow what we found our forefathers practicing." 'Would they still do so,' even if their forefathers had 'absolutely' no understanding or guidance?

#### Example of the Disbelievers

171. The example of the disbelievers 'not responding to the Messenger's warning' is like a flock not comprehending the calls and cries of the shepherd. 'They are wilfully' deaf, dumb and blind so they have no understanding.

#### Forbidden Foods

172. O believers! Eat from the good things We have provided for you.

الَّذِينَ

الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا لَوْ أَنَّ لَنَا كَرَّةً فَنَتَبَرَّأَ مِنْهُمْ كَمَا تَبَرَّءُوا مِنَّا ۖ كَذَلِكَ يُرِيهِمُ اللَّهُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ حَسَرَاتٍ عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ وَمَا هُمْ بِخَارِجِينَ مِنَ النَّارِ ۚ يَأَيُّهَا النَّاسُ كُلُوا مِنَّمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا ۚ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ ۖ إِنَّمَا يَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالسُّوءِ وَالْفَحْشَاءِ وَأَنْ تَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ۖ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ مَا أَلْفَيْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ أَنْ أُولَوْكَانِ آبَاؤُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَهْتَدُونَ ۖ وَمَثَلُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا كَمَثَلِ الَّذِي يَنْعِقُ بِمَا لَا يَسْمَعُ إِلَّا دُعَاءً وَنِدَاءً ۖ صُمُّوا بِكُمْ عَمَىٰ فَهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ۖ يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُلُوا مِن طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا

And give thanks to Allah if you 'truly' worship Him 'alone'. 173. He has only forbidden you 'to eat' carrion, blood, swine,<sup>49</sup> and what is slaughtered in the name of any other than Allah. But if someone is compelled by necessity—neither driven by desire nor exceeding immediate need—they will not be sinful. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### *Hiding the Truth*

174. Indeed, those who hide Allah's revelations, trading them for a fleeting gain consume nothing but fire into their bellies. Allah will neither speak to them on the Day of Judgment, nor will He purify them. And they will suffer a painful punishment. 175. They are the ones who trade guidance for misguidance and forgiveness for punishment. How persistent are they in pursuit of the Fire! 176. That is because Allah has revealed the Book in truth. And surely those who differ regarding it are totally engrossed in opposition.

#### *True Righteousness*

177. Righteousness is not in turning your faces towards the east or the west. Rather, the righteous are those who believe in Allah, the Last Day,

لِلّٰهِ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ اِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿١٧٣﴾ اِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمُ  
الْمَيْتَةَ وَالدَّمَ وَلَحْمَ الْخِنْزِيرِ وَمَا اُهِلَّ بِهِ لِغَيْرِ  
اللّٰهِ ۚ فَمَنْ اضْطُرَّ غَيْرَ بَاغٍ وَلَا عَادٍ فَلَا اِثْمَ  
عَلَيْهِ ۚ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٧٤﴾ اِنَّ الَّذِيْنَ يَكْتُمُوْنَ  
مَا اَنْزَلَ اللّٰهُ مِنَ الْكِتٰبِ وَيُسْتَرُوْنَ بِهِ ثَمَنًا  
قَلِيْلًا ۚ اُولٰٓئِكَ مَا يَأْكُلُوْنَ فِيْ بُطُوْنِهِمْ اِلَّا النَّارَ  
وَلَا يُكَلِّمُهُمُ اللّٰهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ وَلَا يُزَكِّيْهِمْ ۚ  
وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ اَلِيْمٌ ﴿١٧٥﴾ اُولٰٓئِكَ الَّذِيْنَ اشْتَرَوْا الضَّلٰلَةَ  
بِالْهُدٰى وَالْعَذَابَ بِالْمَغْفِرَةِ ۚ فَمَا اَصْبَرَهُمْ عَلٰى  
النَّارِ ﴿١٧٦﴾ ذٰلِكَ بِاَنَّ اللّٰهَ نَزَّلَ الْكِتٰبَ بِالْحَقِّ ۚ وَاِنَّ  
الَّذِيْنَ اِخْتَلَفُوْا فِي الْكِتٰبِ لَفِي شِقَاقٍ بَعِيْدٍ ﴿١٧٧﴾  
لَيْسَ الْبِرُّ اَنْ تُوَلُّوْا وُجُوْهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ  
وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلٰكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ اٰمَنَ بِاللّٰهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْاٰخِرِ

وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ

مَنْزِلًا

49 Eating pork is forbidden in the Old Testament in Leviticus 11:7-8 and Deuteronomy 14:8.

وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّنَ ۚ وَآتَى الْمَالَ عَلَىٰ  
حُبِّهِ ذَوِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَابْنَ  
السَّبِيلِ ۚ وَالسَّائِلِينَ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ ۚ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ  
وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ ۚ وَالْمُوفُونَ بِعَهْدِهِمْ إِذَا عَاهَدُوا ۚ  
وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالصَّرَاءِ وَحِينَ الْبَأْسِ ۚ  
أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ ﴿١٤٤﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِصَاصُ فِي  
الْقَتْلِ ۚ الْحَرُّ بِالْحُرِّ وَالْعَبْدُ بِالْعَبْدِ ۚ وَالْأُنْثَىٰ  
بِالْأُنْثَىٰ ۚ فَمَنْ عَفَىٰ لَهُ مِنْ أَخِيهِ شَيْءٌ فَاتَّبَعْهُ  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ وَادَّاءُ إِلَيْهِ بِإِحْسَانٍ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ تَخْفِيفٌ  
مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ ۚ فَمَنِ اعْتَدَىٰ بَعْدَ ذَٰلِكَ  
فَلَهُ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٤٥﴾ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقِصَاصِ حَيَوةٌ  
يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٤٦﴾ كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ إِذَا

the angels, the Books, and the prophets; who give charity out of their cherished wealth to relatives, orphans, the poor, 'needy' travellers, beggars, and for freeing captives; who establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and keep the pledges they make; and who are patient in times of suffering, adversity, and in 'the heat of' battle. It is they who are true 'in faith', and it is they who are mindful 'of Allah'.

#### Law of Retaliation<sup>50</sup>

178. O believers! 'The law of' retaliation is set for you in cases of murder—a free man for a free man, a slave for a slave, and a female for a female.<sup>51</sup> But if the offender is pardoned by the victim's guardian,<sup>52</sup> then blood-money should be decided fairly<sup>53</sup> and payment should be made courteously. This is a concession and a mercy from your Lord. But whoever transgresses after that will suffer a painful punishment. 179. There is 'security of' life for you in 'the law of' retaliation, O people of reason, so that you may become mindful 'of Allah'.

50 The closest heirs of the victim of an intentional killing have the right to demand the execution of the killer through legal channels. They also have the right to waive the punishment as an act of charity.

51 No one else should be executed in place of the killer. This verse was revealed regarding a particular incident. Nevertheless, the killer is killed regardless of the difference in gender or status, unless the victim's family opts for blood money.

52 The guardian is the victim's closest heir—male or female.

53 Or according to common law.

### Last Will and Bequests

180. It is prescribed that when death approaches any of you—if they leave something of value—a will should be made in favour of parents and immediate family with fairness.<sup>54</sup> 'This is' an obligation on those who are mindful 'of Allah'. 181. But whoever changes the will after hearing it,<sup>55</sup> the blame will only be on those who made the change. Indeed, Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 182. Whoever suspects an error or an injustice in the will and brings about a 'fair' settlement among the parties will not be sinful. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

### Rules of Fasting

183. O believers! Fasting is prescribed for you—as it was for those before you<sup>56</sup>—so perhaps you will become mindful 'of Allah'. 184. 'Fast a' prescribed number of days.<sup>57</sup> But whoever of you is ill or on a journey, then 'let them fast' an equal number of days 'after Ramaḍān'. For those who can only fast with extreme difficulty,<sup>58</sup> compensation can be made by feeding a needy person 'for every day not fasted'. But whoever volunteers to give more, it is better for them. And to fast is better for you, if only you knew.

### Excellence of Ramaḍān

185. Ramaḍān is the month in which the Quran was revealed as a guide

حَضَرَ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ إِنْ تَرَكَ خَيْرًا ۖ الْوَصِيَّةُ  
لِلْوَالدِّينِ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ حَقًّا عَلَى  
الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١٨٠﴾ فَمَنْ بَدَّلَهُ بَعْدَ مَا سَمِعَهُ فَإِنَّمَا  
إِثْمُهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يُبَدِّلُونَهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٨١﴾  
فَمَنْ خَافَ مِنْ مُوَصِّ جَنَفًا أَوْ إِثْمًا فَأَصْلَحَ  
بَيْنَهُمْ فَلَا إِثْمَ عَلَيْهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٨٢﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا  
كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾  
أَيَّامًا مَعْدُودَاتٍ ۚ فَمَنْ كَانَ مِنْكُمْ مَرِيضًا أَوْ  
عَلَى سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ ۚ وَعَلَى الَّذِينَ  
يُطِيقُونَهُ فِدْيَةٌ طَعَامُ مِسْكِينٍ ۚ فَمَنْ تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا  
فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَهُ ۚ وَأَنْ تَصُومُوا خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٤﴾ شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ

54 This ruling should be understood in light of the inheritance laws in 4:11-12, which give specific shares to parents and close relatives. Relatives who do not have a share may get a bequest up to one third of the estate.

55 After the death of the one who made the will.

56 i.e., the followers of previous prophets.

57 i.e., the month of Ramaḍān, the 9<sup>th</sup> month in the Islamic calendar.

58 In the case of old age or chronic disease.

for humanity with clear proofs of guidance and the standard 'to distinguish between right and wrong'. So whoever is present this month, let them fast. But whoever is ill or on a journey, then 'let them fast' an equal number of days 'after Ramadân'. Allah intends ease for you, not hardship, so that you may complete the prescribed period and proclaim the greatness of Allah for guiding you, and perhaps you will be grateful.

#### Allah Is Always Near

186. When My servants ask you 'O Prophet' about Me: I am truly near. I respond to one's prayer when they call upon Me. So let them respond 'with obedience' to Me and believe in Me, perhaps they will be guided 'to the Right Way'.

#### Intimacy During the Nights of Ramadân

187. It has been made permissible for you to be intimate with your wives during the nights preceding the fast. Your spouses are a garment<sup>59</sup> for you as you are for them. Allah knows that you were deceiving yourselves.<sup>60</sup> So He has accepted your repentance and pardoned you. So now you may be intimate with them and seek what Allah has prescribed for you.<sup>61</sup>

هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ ؕ  
فَمَن شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ ۖ وَمَن كَانَ  
مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَى سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ ۗ يُرِيدُ  
اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُوا  
الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَى مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ  
تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾ وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ  
أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ ۖ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي  
وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴿١٨٧﴾ أَجَلٌ لَّكُمْ  
لَيْلَةُ الصِّيَامِ الرِّفْقُ إِلَى نِسَائِكُمْ ۖ هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ  
لَّكُمْ وَأَنتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَّهُنَّ ۖ عَلِمَ اللَّهُ أَنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ  
تَخْتَانُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَعَفَا عَنْكُمْ ؕ  
فَالَّذِينَ بَاشَرُوهُنَّ وَابْتَغُوا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ ۖ  
وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا حَتَّى يَتَبَيَّنَ لَكُمُ الْخَيْطُ الْأَبْيَضُ

مِّنَ الْخَيْطِ

مَنْزِلًا

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59 "Garment" (*libás*) is a metaphor for comfort, chastity, and protection.

60 Initially, intimate relations during the night of Ramadân were not permissible. Since some Muslims could not resist not having intercourse with their spouses, this verse was revealed allowing intimacy during the nights preceding the fast.

61 This implies offspring.

'You may' eat and drink until you see the light of dawn breaking the darkness of night, then complete the fast until nightfall. Do not be intimate with your spouses while you are meditating in the mosques. These are the limits set by Allah, so do not exceed them. This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to people, so they may become mindful 'of Him'.

#### Warning Against Injustice

188. Do not consume one another's wealth unjustly, nor deliberately bribe authorities in order to devour a portion of others' property, knowing that it is a sin.

#### True Righteousness

189. They ask you 'O Prophet' about the phases of the moon. Say, "They are a means for people to determine time and pilgrimage." Righteousness is not in entering your houses from the back doors.<sup>62</sup> Rather, righteousness is to be mindful 'of Allah'. So enter your homes through their 'proper' doors, and be mindful of Allah so you may be successful.

#### Etiquette of Fighting Enemy Combatants

190. Fight in the cause of Allah 'only' against those who wage war against you, but do not exceed the limits.<sup>63</sup> Surely Allah does not like transgressors. 191. Kill them wherever you

مِنَ الْخَيْطِ الْأَسْوَدِ مِنَ الْفَجْرِ ثُمَّ أَتَمُوا الصِّيَامَ إِلَى الْبَيْلِ وَلَا تَبَاشِرُوهُنَّ وَأَنْتُمْ عَاكِفُونَ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ فَلَا تَقْرُبُوهَا ۚ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لِنَاسٍ لِّعَالَمِهِمْ يَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٨﴾ وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتُدْلُوا بِهَا إِلَى الْحُكَّامِ لِيَأْكُلُوا فَرِيقًا مِّنْ أَمْوَالِ النَّاسِ بِإِلَائِهِمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٩﴾ يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْأَهْلِ ۖ قُلْ هِيَ مَوَاقِيتُ لِلنَّاسِ وَالْحَجِّ ۚ وَلَيْسَ الْبِرُّ بِأَنْ تَأْتُوا الْبُيُوتَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهَا وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنِ اتَّقَىٰ وَأَتُوا الْبُيُوتَ مِنْ أَبْوَابِهَا ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٩٠﴾ وَقَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ ﴿١٩١﴾ وَاقْتُلُوهُمْ حَيْثُ ثَقِفْتُمُوهُمْ وَأَخْرِجُوهُمْ مِّنْ حَيْثُ أَخْرَجُوكُم

وَالْفِتْنَةُ أَشَدُّ

مَنْزِلًا

62 Before Islam, there was a superstitious practice for pilgrims to enter their homes through the back door upon returning from the pilgrimage. The verse suggests that being devoted to Allah wholeheartedly is more important than blindly following old traditions.

63 "Do not exceed the limits" refers to Islamic warfare guidelines set by the Prophet. In an authentic saying collected by Abu Dawūd, he (ﷺ) is reported to have instructed the Muslim army, "Depart in the Name of Allah and with His help—following the way of the Messenger of Allah. Do not kill an old man, a child, or a woman. Do not mutilate dead bodies of the enemy. Be gracious and courteous, for Allah loves those who act with grace." The Prophet (ﷺ) also says, "Do not wish to meet your enemy in battle but always pray for well-being. If fighting is a must, then be steadfast."

وَالْفِتْنَةُ أَشَدُّ مِنَ الْقَتْلِ ۚ وَلَا تُقَاتِلُوهُمْ عِنْدَ  
 الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ حَتَّى يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِيهِ ۚ فَإِنْ قَاتَلُوكُمْ  
 فَاقْتُلُوهُمْ ۚ كَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الْكَافِرِينَ ۖ (١٩١) فَإِنْ أَنْتَهَوْا  
 فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ۖ (١٩٢) وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّى لَا تَكُونَ  
 فِتْنَةً ۚ وَيَكُونَ الدِّينُ لِلَّهِ ۚ فَإِنْ أَنْتَهَوْا فَلَا  
 عُدْوَانَ إِلَّا عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ ۖ (١٩٣) أَشْهُرُ الْحَرَامِ بِالشَّهْرِ  
 الْحَرَامِ وَالْحُرُمَتُ قِصَاصٌ ۚ فَمَنِ اعْتَدَى عَلَيْكُمْ  
 فَاعْتَدُوا عَلَيْهِ بِسِلَاحٍ مِمَّا اعْتَدَى عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ  
 وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ ۖ (١٩٤)  
 وَأَنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى  
 التَّهْلُكَةِ ۚ وَأَحْسِنُوا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ۖ (١٩٥)  
 وَاتَّبِعُوا الْحَجَّ وَالْعُمْرَةَ لِلَّهِ ۚ فَإِنْ أُحْصِرْتُمْ فَمَا  
 اسْتَيْسَرَ مِنَ الْهَدْيِ ۚ وَلَا تَحْلِقُوا رُءُوسَكُمْ حَتَّى

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come upon them<sup>64</sup> and drive them out of the places from which they have driven you out. For persecution<sup>65</sup> is far worse than killing. And do not fight them at the Sacred Mosque unless they attack you there. If they do so, then fight them—that is the reward of the disbelievers. 192. But if they cease, then surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

### Resisting Oppression

193. Fight against them 'if they persecute you' until there is no more persecution, and 'your' devotion will be to Allah 'alone'. If they stop 'persecuting you', let there be no hostility except against the aggressors. 194. 'There will be retaliation in' a sacred month for 'an offence in' a sacred month,<sup>66</sup> and all violations will bring about retaliation. So, if anyone attacks you, retaliate in the same manner. 'But' be mindful of Allah, and know that Allah is with those mindful 'of Him'. 195. Spend in the cause of Allah and do not let your own hands throw you into destruction 'by withholding'. And do good, for Allah certainly loves the good-doers.

### Some Pilgrimage Rituals

196. Complete the pilgrimage and minor pilgrimage for Allah.<sup>67</sup> But if prevented 'from proceeding', then 'offer' whatever sacrificial animals you can afford.

64 This is probably the most misquoted verse from the Quran. To properly understand the verse, we need to put it into context. Misquoting verses and taking them out of context can be applied to any scripture. For example, in the Bible, Jesus says, "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword" (Matthew 10:34). He also says, "But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be their king—bring them here and slaughter them in my presence!" (Luke 19:27). And Moses says, "The Lord is a man of war, the Lord is his name." (Exodus 15:3). For more details, see the Introduction.

65 Persecuting Muslims to abandon their faith.

66 The sacred months are the 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> months of the Islamic calendar.

67 *Hajj*, the pilgrimage to Mecca, is required at least once in a Muslim's lifetime if they are physically and financially able to. 'Umrah, which is a short version of *hajj*, is recommended, but not obligatory.





مَنْ عَرَفَتْ فَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ عِنْدَ الْمَشْعَرِ الْحَرَامِ  
 وَادْكُرُوهُ كَمَا هَدَاكُمْ ۖ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ لَمِنَ  
 الضَّالِّينَ ﴿١٩٨﴾ ثُمَّ أَفِيضُوا مِنْ حَيْثُ أَفَاضَ النَّاسُ  
 وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٩٩﴾ فَإِذَا  
 قَضَيْتُمْ مَنَاسِكَكُمْ فَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَذِكْرِكُمْ  
 آبَاءَكُمْ أَوْ أَشَدَّ ذِكْرًا ۚ فَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ  
 يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَمَا لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ  
 مِنْ خَلَقٍ ﴿٢٠٠﴾ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي  
 الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ  
 النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا كَسَبُوا ۗ  
 وَاللَّهُ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿٢٠٢﴾ وَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَيَّامٍ  
 مَّعْدُودَاتٍ ۚ فَمَنْ تَعَجَّلَ فِي يَوْمَيْنِ فَلَا إِشْمَ  
 عَلَيْهِ ۖ وَمَنْ تَأَخَّرَ فَلَا إِشْمَ عَلَيْهِ ۚ لَبِنَ اتَّقَى ۚ

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When you return from 'Arafât,<sup>70</sup> praise Allah near the sacred place<sup>71</sup> and praise Him for having guided you, for surely before this 'guidance' you were astray. 199. Then go forth with the rest of the pilgrims. And seek Allah's forgiveness. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

*Praying for the Best of Both Worlds*  
 200. When you have fulfilled your sacred rites, praise Allah as you used to praise your forefathers 'before Islam', or even more passionately. There are some who say, "Our Lord! Grant us 'Your bounties' in this world," but they will have no share in the Hereafter. 201. Yet there are others who say, "Our Lord! Grant us the good of this world and the Hereafter, and protect us from the torment of the Fire." 202. It is they who will receive a 'heavenly' reward for the good they have done. Surely Allah is swift in reckoning.<sup>72</sup>

*More Pilgrimage Rituals*  
 203. And remember Allah during 'these' appointed days.<sup>73</sup> Whoever departs swiftly on the second day is not sinful, neither are those who stay behind 'till the third—seeking additional reward', so long as they are mindful 'of their Lord'.

70 'Arafât is a hill in Saudi Arabia, near Mecca, which is visited during pilgrimage.

71 A sacred place called Muzdalifah.

72 Swift in reckoning (*sar'ul-hisab*) means "He is quick in recording the deeds and judging them."

73 The 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of Zul-Hijjah, the 12<sup>th</sup> month of the Islamic calendar. These days are part of pilgrimage rituals.

And be mindful of Allah, and know that to Him you will 'all' be gathered.

#### Those Who Spread Mischief

204. There are some 'hypocrites' who impress you with their views regarding worldly affairs and openly call upon Allah to witness what is in their hearts, yet they are your worst adversaries. 205. And when they leave 'you',<sup>74</sup> they strive throughout the land to spread mischief in it and destroy crops and cattle. Allah does not like mischief. 206. When it is said to them, "Fear Allah," pride carries them off to sin. Hell will be their proper place. What an evil place to rest! 207. And there are those who would dedicate their lives to Allah's pleasure. And Allah is Ever Gracious to 'His' servants.

#### Warning Against the Devil

208. O believers! Enter into Islam wholeheartedly and do not follow Satan's footsteps. Surely he is your sworn enemy. 209. If you falter after receiving the clear proofs, then know that Allah is indeed Almighty, All-Wise.

#### Waiting for Judgment?

210. Are they waiting for Allah 'Himself' to come to them in the shade of clouds, along with the angels?

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٢٠٤﴾  
وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَعْجِبُكَ قَوْلُهُ فِي الْحَيَاةِ  
الدُّنْيَا وَيُشْهَدُ اللَّهُ عَلَى مَا فِي قَلْبِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ أَلَدُّ  
الْخِصَامِ ﴿٢٠٥﴾ وَإِذَا تَوَلَّى سَعَىٰ فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيُفْسِدَ  
فِيهَا وَيُهْلِكَ الْحَرْثَ وَالنَّسْلَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ  
الْفُسَادَ ﴿٢٠٦﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ أَخَذَتْهُ الْعِزَّةُ  
بِأَلْئِمٍ فَحَسْبُهُ جَهَنَّمُ ۚ وَلَبِئْسَ الْيُهَادُ ﴿٢٠٧﴾ وَمِنَ  
النَّاسِ مَنْ يَشْرِي نَفْسَهُ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ ۗ  
وَاللَّهُ رَءُوفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ ﴿٢٠٨﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا  
فِي السَّلَامِ كَافَّةً ۚ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۚ  
إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٢٠٩﴾ فَإِنْ زَلَلْتُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا  
جَاءَتْكُمُ الْبَيِّنَاتُ فَاذْكُرُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢١٠﴾  
هَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْتِيَهُمُ اللَّهُ فِي ظُلَلٍ مِّنَ

74 Another possible translation: "And when they assume authority, they strive ..."

"If He did", then the matter would be settled 'at once'. And to Allah 'all' matters will be returned 'for judgment'. 211. Ask the Children of Israel how many clear signs We have given them. And whoever trades Allah's favour—after receiving it—"for disbelief" should know that Allah is indeed severe in punishment.

#### Life as a Test

212. The life of this world has been made appealing to the disbelievers, and they mock the believers. Those who are mindful 'of Allah' will rank above them on the Day of Judgment. And Allah provides for whoever He wills without limit.

#### Why Prophets Were Sent

213. Humanity had once been one community 'of believers before they lost faith'. Then Allah raised prophets as deliverers of good news and as warners, and revealed to them the Scriptures in truth to judge among people regarding their disputes. And no one disputed the Scriptures except the very people who received them after clear proofs had come to them—out of jealousy. Then Allah, by His grace, has guided the believers to the truth regarding those disputes.

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وَقَدْ لَازَمَ

الْغَمَامِ وَالْمَلَكَةِ وَقُضِيَ الْأَمْرُ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ  
تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ ﴿٢١١﴾ سَلِّ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ كَمْ آتَيْنَهُمْ  
مِّنْ آيَةٍ بَّيِّنَةٍ ۖ وَمَنْ يُبَدِّلْ نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ مِنْ  
بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢١٢﴾  
رُزِّقَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَيَسْخَرُونَ  
مِنَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا فَوْقَهُمْ يَوْمَ  
الْقِيَامَةِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿٢١٣﴾  
كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً ۖ فَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ النَّبِيِّينَ  
مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنْذِرِينَ ۖ وَأَنْزَلَ مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ  
بِالْحَقِّ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ فِي مَا اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ ۖ  
وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ فِيهِ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ  
مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَاتُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ ۚ فَهَدَى اللَّهُ  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِمَا اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ مِنَ الْحَقِّ بِإِذْنِهِ ۖ

And Allah guides whoever He wills to the Straight Path.

#### *Faith Reinforced by Affliction*

214. Do you think you will be admitted into Paradise without being tested like those before you? They were afflicted with suffering and adversity and were so 'violently' shaken that 'even' the Messenger and the believers with him cried out, "When will Allah's help come?" Indeed, Allah's help is 'always' near.

#### *Charity Begins at Home*

215. They ask you 'O Prophet in' what 'way' they should donate. Say, "Whatever donations you give are for parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, and 'needy' travellers. Whatever good you do is certainly well known to Allah."

#### *Fighting in Self-Defence*

216. Fighting has been made obligatory upon you 'believers', though you dislike it. Perhaps you dislike something which is good for you and like something which is bad for you. Allah knows and you do not know.

#### *Fighting in the Sacred Months*

217. They<sup>75</sup> ask you 'O Prophet' about fighting in the sacred months.<sup>76</sup>

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وَاللَّهُ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٢١٤﴾

أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تُدْخَلُوا الْجَنَّةَ وَلَمَّا يَأْتِكُمْ مَثَلُ

الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ ۖ مَسَّتْهُمْ الْبَاسَاءُ وَ

الضَّرَاءُ وَزُلْزَلُوا حَتَّى يَقُولَ الرَّسُولُ وَالَّذِينَ

أٰمَنُوا مَعَهُ مَتَى نَصُرُ اللَّهُ ۖ أَلَا إِنَّ نَصْرَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ ﴿٢١٥﴾

يَسْأَلُونَكَ مَاذَا يُنْفِقُونَ ۖ قُلْ مَا أُنْفِقُ مِنْ خَيْرٍ

فَلِإِلَهِ الدِّينِ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ

وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ ۖ وَمَا تَفْعَلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ

بِهِ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢١٦﴾ كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِتَالُ وَهُوَ كُرْهُ لَكُمْ ۖ

وَعَلَىٰ أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ ۖ وَعَلَىٰ

أَنْ تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ

يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢١٧﴾ يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الشَّهْرِ

الْحَرَامِ قِتَالٍ فِيهِ ۖ قُلْ قِتَالٌ فِيهِ كَبِيرٌ ۖ وَصَدُّ

مَنْزِلًا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

75 The pagans of Mecca.

76 See footnote for 2:194.

عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَكُفْرِهِ وَالْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ  
وَإِخْرَاجِ أَهْلِهِ مِنْهُ أَكْبَرُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَالْفِتْنَةُ  
أَكْبَرُ مِنَ الْقَتْلِ ۖ وَلَا يَزَالُونَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ حَتَّى  
يَرُدُّوكُمْ عَنْ دِينِكُمْ إِنِ اسْتَطَاعُوا ۖ وَمَنْ  
يَرْتَدِدْ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَيَمُتْ وَهُوَ كَافِرٌ  
فَأُولَٰئِكَ حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۖ  
وَأُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢١٤﴾  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي  
سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ يَرْجُونَ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ  
غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٢١٥﴾ يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ ۖ قُلْ  
فِيهِمَا إِثْمٌ كَبِيرٌ وَمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِ ۚ وَإِثْمُهُمَا أَكْبَرُ  
مِنْ نَّفْعِهِمَا ۖ وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ مَاذَا يُنْفِقُونَ ۖ قُلْ  
الْعَفْوُ ۖ كَذَٰلِكَ يَبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ

Say, "Fighting during these months is a great sin. But hindering 'others' from the Path of Allah, rejecting Him, and expelling the worshippers from the Sacred Mosque is 'a' greater 'sin' in the sight of Allah. For persecution<sup>77</sup> is far worse than killing. And they will not stop fighting you until they turn you away from your faith—if they can. And whoever among you renounces their own faith and dies a disbeliever, their deeds will become void in this life and in the Hereafter. It is they who will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever."<sup>78</sup>

#### Reward of the Devout

218. Surely those who have believed, emigrated, and struggled in the Way of Allah—they can hope for Allah's mercy. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### Question About Intoxicants

219. They ask you 'O Prophet' about intoxicants and gambling. Say, "There is great evil in both, as well as some benefit for people—but the evil outweighs the benefit."<sup>79</sup>

#### Question About Charity

They 'also' ask you 'O Prophet' what they should donate. Say, "Whatever you can spare." This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to you 'believers',

77 Persecuting Muslims to abandon their faith.

78 While many traditional scholars maintain that apostates are to be first invited to re-enter the fold of Islam then executed if the invitation is turned down, some traditional and modern scholars (like Sufyân Ath-Thawri, the late Grand Imâm of Al-Azhar Sheikh Maḥmūd Shaltūt, and Dr. Jamāl Badawī) are of the opinion that the Quran (2:256) guarantees freedom of religion and (2:217) promises no worldly punishment for leaving Islam. It is reported in a *ḥadīth* collected by Imâm Muslim that a man came to the Prophet (ﷺ) in Medina and retracted the allegiance he had pledged to him (ﷺ)—leaving Islam. The Prophet (ﷺ) did not punish the man. The narrations that command the killing of apostates refer only to those who fight against Muslims—so they are killed for treason, not for apostasy. Other *aḥādīth* are meant to deter those who conspired to accept Islam then leave it soon after only to shake the faith of early Muslims, as mentioned in 3:72.

79 See footnote for 4:43.

so perhaps you may reflect 220. upon this world and the Hereafter.

### Question About Orphans

And they ask you 'O Prophet' concerning orphans. Say, "Improving their condition is best. And if you partner with them, they are bonded with you 'in faith'.<sup>80</sup> And Allah knows who intends harm and who intends good. Had Allah willed, He could have made it difficult for you.<sup>81</sup> Surely Allah is Almighty, All-Wise."

### Marrying Believers

221. Do not marry polytheistic women until they believe; for a believing slave-woman is better than a free polytheist, even though she may look pleasant to you. And do not marry your women to polytheistic men until they believe, for a believing slave-man is better than a free polytheist, even though he may look pleasant to you. They invite 'you' to the Fire while Allah invites 'you' to Paradise and forgiveness by His grace.<sup>82</sup> He makes His revelations clear to the people so perhaps they will be mindful.

### Intercourse During Menstruation

222. They ask you 'O Prophet' about menstruation. Say, "Beware of its harm! So keep away, and do not have intercourse with your wives during their monthly cycles until they are purified.<sup>83</sup> When they purify themselves, then you may approach them in the manner specified by Allah.

تَتَفَكَّرُونَ ۚ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ  
عَنِ الْيَتَامَىٰ قُلْ إِصْلَاحٌ لَّهُمْ خَيْرٌ وَإِنْ تُخَالِطُوهُمْ  
فَأَخْوَانُكُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ الْمُفْسِدَ مِنَ الْمُصْلِحِ ۚ  
وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَأَعْتَبْتَكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ۝  
وَلَا تَنْكِحُوا الْمُشْرِكَةَ حَتَّىٰ يُوْمِنَ ۚ وَلَا أَمَةٌ مُّؤْمِنَةٌ  
خَيْرٌ مِّنْ مُّشْرِكَةٍ وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَتْكُمْ ۚ وَلَا تُنكِحُوا  
الْمُشْرِكِينَ حَتَّىٰ يُوْمِنُوا ۚ وَلَعَبْدٌ مُّؤْمِنٌ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ  
مُّشْرِكٍ ۚ وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَكُمْ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى النَّارِ ۚ  
وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُو إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ بِإِذْنِهِ ۚ  
وَيُبَيِّنُ آيَاتِهِ لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ۝  
وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْمَحِيضِ قُلْ هُوَ أَذًى فَاعْتَزِلُوا  
النِّسَاءَ فِي الْمَحِيضِ وَلَا تَقْرُبُوهُنَّ حَتَّىٰ يَطْهُرْنَ  
فَإِذَا تَطَهَّرْنَ فَأْتُوهُنَّ مِنْ حَيْثُ أَمَرَكُمُ اللَّهُ ۚ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ

مَنْزِلًا

80 Literal translation, "They are your brothers."

81 By not allowing partnership between you and orphans.

82 lit., "by His permission."

83 Do not have intercourse with them until their menstruation is over and they have taken a full bath.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ وَيُحِبُّ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ ﴿٢٢٢﴾  
 نِسَاؤُكُمْ حَرْثٌ لَكُمْ ۖ فَاتُوا حَرْثَكُمْ أَلَىٰ شَيْئِمُكُمْ  
 وَقَدِّمُوا لِأَنفُسِكُمْ ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّكُمْ  
 مُلْقَوَةٌ ۖ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢٢٣﴾ وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا اللَّهَ عُرْضَةً  
 لِأَيْبَانِكُمْ أَنْ تَبَرُّوا وَتَتَّقُوا وَتُصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ  
 النَّاسِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٢٤﴾ لَا يُوَاقِدُكُمُ اللَّهُ  
 بِاللَّغْوِ فِي أَيْبَانِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ يُوَاقِدُكُمْ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ  
 قُلُوبُكُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٢٥﴾ لِلَّذِينَ يُؤْلُونَ  
 مِنْ نِسَائِهِمْ تَرَبُّصُ أَرْبَعَةِ أَشْهُرٍ ۚ فَإِنْ فَاءُوا  
 فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٢٢٦﴾ وَإِنْ عَزَمُوا الطَّلَاقَ  
 فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٢٧﴾ وَالْمُطَلَّقَتُ يَتَرَبَّصْنَ  
 بِأَنفُسِهِنَّ ثَلَاثَةَ قُرُوءٍ ۖ وَلَا يَحِلُّ لَهُنَّ أَنْ  
 يَكْتُمْنَ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ فِي أَرْحَامِهِنَّ إِنْ كُنَّ

يُؤْمِنَنَّ بِاللَّهِ

مَنْزِلَ

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Surely Allah loves those who always turn to Him in repentance and those who purify themselves.” 223. Your wives are like farmland for you,<sup>84</sup> so approach them ‘consensually’ as you please.<sup>85</sup> And send forth something good for yourselves.<sup>86</sup> Be mindful of Allah, and know that you will meet Him. And give good news to the believers.

#### Rules Regarding Oaths

224. Do not use Allah’s Name in your oaths as an excuse for not doing good, not guarding against evil, or not making peace between people. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 225. Allah will not hold you accountable for unintentional oaths, but for what you intended in your hearts. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Forbearing.

#### Vowing Not to Touch One’s Own Wife

226. Those who swear not to have intercourse with their wives must wait for four months.<sup>87</sup> If they change their mind, then Allah is certainly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 227. But if they settle on divorce, then Allah is indeed All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

#### Waiting Period After Divorce

228. Divorced women must wait three monthly cycles ‘before they can re-marry’. It is not lawful for them to conceal what Allah has created in their wombs,<sup>88</sup>

84 *Harth* means “farmland”—the husband being like a farmer, the wife like productive land, and children like seeds—a metaphor for fertility and growth.

85 It is permissible to have intimate relations in any position, however anal sex is impermissible. Vaginal penetration during monthly cycles, or while bleeding persists after childbirth, up to forty days, is also not permitted.

86 This can either imply “sending forth good deeds that will be rewarded in the next life” or—according to some interpretations—“engaging in foreplay with one’s spouse before intercourse.”

87 This ruling is called *ilā’*. *Ilā’* means that a husband vows not to be intimate with his wife because of a dispute or any other legitimate reason. The verse here says if it is four months or less and the husband keeps his vow, then he does not have to make up for breaking his vow (by feeding ten poor people, or fasting three days), otherwise he will need to make up for breaking his vow. If the vow is made for over four months, the wife has the right to seek divorce after four months. *Ilā’* should be avoided altogether since it deprives the wife of her right to sexual satisfaction. Instead, counselling is a better alternative at the time of dispute.

88 This could mean “pregnancy” or “accurate information about monthly cycles.”

if they 'truly' believe in Allah and the Last Day. And their husbands reserve the right to take them back within that period if they desire reconciliation. Women have rights similar to those of men equitably, although men have a degree 'of responsibility' above them. And Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.

#### Proper Way to Divorce

229. Divorce may be retracted twice, then the husband must retain 'his wife' with honour or separate 'from her' with grace.<sup>89</sup> It is not lawful for husbands to take back anything of the dowry given to their wives, unless the couple fears not being able to keep within the limits of Allah.<sup>90</sup> So if you fear they will not be able to keep within the limits of Allah, there is no blame if the wife compensates the husband to obtain divorce.<sup>91</sup> These are the limits set by Allah, so do not transgress them. And whoever transgresses the limits of Allah, they are the 'true' wrongdoers.

#### Husband Remarrying His Ex-Wife

230. So if a husband divorces his wife 'three times', then it is not lawful for him to remarry her until after she has married another man and then is divorced. Then it is permissible for them to reunite, as long as they feel they are able to maintain the limits of Allah.

سُورَةُ طه ٢٠٩

الْبَقَرَةُ ٢

يُؤْمِنَنَّ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ۖ وَبُعُولَتُهُنَّ أَحَقُّ بِرِدْدِهِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ إِنْ أَرَادُوا إِصْلَاحًا وَلَهُنَّ مِثْلُ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ وَلِلرِّجَالِ عَلَيْهِنَّ دَرَجَةٌ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٢٨﴾

الطَّلَاقُ مَرَّتَيْنِ ۖ فَاِمْسَاكِ بِمَعْرُوفٍ اَوْ تَسْرِيجِ بِاِحْسَانٍ ۖ وَلَا يَحِلُّ لَكُمُ اَنْ تَاْخُذُوْا مِمَّا اَتَيْتُمُوْهُنَّ شَيْئًا اِلَّا اَنْ يَخَافَا اَلَّا يُقِيْمَا حُدُوْدَ اللّٰهِ ۖ فَاِنْ خِفْتُمْ اَلَّا يُقِيْمَا حُدُوْدَ اللّٰهِ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِمَا فِیْهَا اِفْتَدَتْ بِهٖ ۖ تِلْكَ حُدُوْدُ اللّٰهِ فَلَا تَعْتَدُوْهَا ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَعَدَّ حُدُوْدَ اللّٰهِ فَاُولٰٓئِكَ هُمُ الظّٰلِمُوْنَ ﴿٢٢٩﴾

فَاِنْ طَلَّقَهَا فَلَا تَحِلُّ لَهٗ مِنْۢ بَعْدِ حَتّٰی تَنْكِحَ زَوْجًا غَيْرَهٗ ۖ فَاِنْ طَلَّقَهَا فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِمَا اَنْ يَتَرَاجَعَا اِنْ ظَنَّا اَنْ يُقِيْمَا حُدُوْدَ اللّٰهِ ۖ وَتِلْكَ حُدُوْدُ اللّٰهِ

مَنْ تَرَكَ ۚ

89 A husband may separate from his wife after each of the first two counts of divorce or at the end of her waiting period (see 65:1-5) with dignity. If he chooses to stay with her after the first two counts of divorce then divorces her a third time, the marriage is terminated at the end of her third waiting period. The wife will have to marry and divorce another man before she can be remarried to her ex-husband (see 2:230). However, a woman marrying someone with the intention of getting divorced, in order to return to her first husband, is forbidden.

90 The "limits of Allah" implies fidelity to one's spouse according to Allah's commands.

91 If the wife does not want to continue in the marriage for legitimate reasons, then she can return the dowry (*mahr*) to the husband in compensation for divorce. This ruling is called *khul'*.



حَدُّودُ اللَّهِ يُبَيِّنُهَا لِقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٣١﴾ وَإِذَا طَلَّقْتُمُ  
 النِّسَاءَ فَلَبِغْنَ أَجَلَهُنَّ فَأُمْسِكُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ  
 أَوْ سَرِّحُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ ۖ وَلَا تُمْسِكُوهُنَّ ضِرَارًا  
 لِّتَعْتَدُوا ۚ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَقَدْ ظَلَمَ نَفْسَهُ ۖ  
 وَلَا تَتَّخِذُوا آيَاتِ اللَّهِ هُزُوًا ۚ وَادْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ  
 اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَمَا أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ  
 وَالْحِكْمَةِ يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ  
 اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٣٢﴾ وَإِذَا طَلَّقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ  
 فَلَبِغْنَ أَجَلَهُنَّ فَلَا تَعْضُلُوهُنَّ أَنْ يَنْكِحْنَ  
 أَزْوَاجَهُنَّ إِذَا تَرَاضَوْا بَيْنَهُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ ذَلِكَ  
 يُوعَظُ بِهِ مَنْ كَانَ مِنْكُمْ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ  
 الْآخِرِ ۚ ذَلِكَمْ أَرْكَى لَكُمْ وَ أَطْهَرُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ  
 لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٣٣﴾ وَالْوَالِدَتُ يُرْضِعْنَ أَوْلَادَهُنَّ

↑ These are the limits set by Allah, which He makes clear for people of knowledge.

### *Etiquette of Divorce*

231. When you divorce women and they have 'almost' reached the end of their waiting period, either retain them honourably or let them go honourably. But do not retain them 'only' to harm them 'or' to take advantage 'of them'. Whoever does that surely wrongs his own soul. Do not take Allah's revelations lightly. Remember Allah's favours upon you as well as the Book and wisdom<sup>92</sup> He has sent down for your guidance. Be mindful of Allah, and know that Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things.

### *Remarrying One's Ex-Spouse*

232. When you have divorced women and they have reached the end of their waiting period, do not prevent them from re-marrying their ex-husbands if they come to an honourable agreement. This is enjoined on whoever has faith in Allah and the Last Day. This is purer and more dignifying for you. Allah knows and you do not know.

### *Nursing Children After Divorce*

233. 'Divorced' mothers will breastfeed

their offspring for two whole years, for those who wish to complete the nursing 'of their child'. The child's father will provide reasonable maintenance and clothing for the mother 'during that period'. No one will be charged with more than they can bear. No mother or father should be made to suffer for their child. The 'father's' heirs are under the same obligation. But if both sides decide—after mutual consultation and consent—to wean a child, then there is no blame on them.

#### *Opting for a Wet-Nurse*

If you decide to have your children nursed by a wet-nurse, it is permissible as long as you pay fairly. Be mindful of Allah, and know that Allah is All-Seeing of what you do.

#### *Widows' Waiting Period*

234. As for those of you who die and leave widows behind, let them observe a waiting period of four months and ten days. When they have reached the end of this period, then you<sup>93</sup> are not accountable for what they decide for themselves in a reasonable manner. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

#### *Proposing to Widowed or Divorced Women*

235. There is no blame on you for subtly

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حَوْلَيْنِ كَامِلَيْنِ لِمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُتِمَّ الرَّضَاعَةَ ۖ  
وَعَلَى الْمَوْلُودِ لَهُ رِزْقُهُنَّ وَكِسْوَتُهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ  
لَا تُكَلَّفُ نَفْسٌ إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا ۚ لَا تُضَارَّ وَالِدَةٌ  
بِوَلَدِهَا وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ لَهُ بِوَلَدِهِ ۚ وَعَلَى الْوَارِثِ  
مِثْلُ ذَلِكَ ۚ فَإِنْ أَرَادَا فِصَالًا عَنْ تَرَاضٍ مِّنْهُمَا  
وَتَشَاوُرٍ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِمَا ۖ وَإِنْ أَرَدْتُمْ أَنْ  
تَسْرِضَعُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذَا سَلَّمْتُمْ  
مَّا أَتَيْتُم بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ  
اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٣٤﴾ وَالَّذِينَ يُتَوَفَّوْنَ  
مِنْكُمْ وَيَذَرُونَ أَزْوَاجًا يَتَرَبَّصْنَ بِأَنْفُسِهِنَّ  
أَرْبَعَةَ أَشْهُرٍ وَعَشْرًا ۚ فَإِذَا بَلَغْنَ أَجَلَهُنَّ  
فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِيمَا فَعَلْنَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِنَّ  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٢٣٥﴾ وَلَا

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showing interest in 'divorced or widowed' women<sup>236</sup> or for hiding 'the intention' in your hearts. Allah knows that you are considering them 'for marriage'. But do not make a secret commitment with them—you can only show interest in them appropriately. Do not commit to the bond of marriage until the waiting period expires. Know that Allah is aware of what is in your hearts, so beware of Him. And know that Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Forbearing.

#### Divorce Before Consummation

236. There is no blame if you divorce women before the marriage is consummated or the dowry is settled. But give them a 'suitable' compensation—the rich according to his means and the poor according to his. A reasonable compensation is an obligation on the good-doers. 237. And if you divorce them before consummating the marriage but after deciding on a dowry, pay half of the dowry, unless the wife graciously waives it or the husband graciously pays in full.

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جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِيمَا عَرَّضْتُمْ بِهِ مِنْ خِطْبَةِ النِّسَاءِ  
أَوْ الْكِنْتُمْ فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ ۖ عَلِمَ اللَّهُ أَنَّكُمْ سَتَذْكُرُونَهُنَّ  
وَلَكِنْ لَا تُوَاعِدُوهُنَّ سِرًّا إِلَّا أَنْ تَقُولُوا قَوْلًا  
مَعْرُوفًا ۖ وَلَا تَعْزِمُوا عُقْدَةَ النِّكَاحِ حَتَّى يَبْلُغَ  
الْكِتَابُ أَجَلَهُ ۚ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ  
فَاحْذَرُوهُ ۚ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَفُورٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٣٦﴾  
لَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِنْ طَلَقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ مَا لَمْ تَمْسُوهُنَّ  
أَوْ تَفْرِضُوا لَهُنَّ فَرِيضَةً ۚ وَمَتَّعُوهُنَّ عَلَى الْمَوْسِعِ  
قَدَرُهُ وَعَلَى الْمَقْتَرِ قَدَرُهُ ۚ مَتَاعًا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ  
حَقًّا عَلَى الْبُحْسَيْنِ ﴿٢٣٧﴾ وَإِنْ طَلَقْتُمُوهُنَّ مِنْ  
قَبْلِ أَنْ تَمْسُوهُنَّ وَقَدْ فَرَضْتُمْ لَهُنَّ فَرِيضَةً  
فَنِصْفُ مَا فَرَضْتُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ يَعْفُونَ أَوْ يَعْفُوَ  
الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ عُقْدَةُ النِّكَاحِ ۚ وَأَنْ تَعْفُوا

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Graciousness is closer to righteousness. And do not forget kindness among yourselves. Surely Allah is All-Seeing of what you do.

#### Observing Prayers<sup>95</sup>

238. Observe the 'five obligatory' prayers—especially the middle prayer<sup>96</sup>—and stand in true devotion to Allah. 239. If you are in danger, pray on foot or while riding. But when you are safe, 'take time to' remember Allah for teaching you what you did not know.

#### Widows' Original Waiting Period

240. Those of you who die leaving widows should bequeath for them a year's maintenance without forcing them out.<sup>97</sup> But if they choose to leave, you are not accountable for what they reasonably decide for themselves. And Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.

#### Care for Divorced Women

241. Reasonable provisions must be made for divorced women—a duty on those mindful 'of Allah'. 242. This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to you, so perhaps you will understand.

#### Sacrifices in Allah's Cause

243. Have you 'O Prophet' not seen those who fled their homes in the thousands for fear of death?<sup>98</sup>

أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَى ۖ وَلَا تَنسُوا الْفَضْلَ بَيْنَكُمْ ۖ  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٣٨﴾ خُفِّظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ  
 وَالصَّلَاةِ الْوُسْطَى ۖ وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ ﴿٢٣٩﴾  
 فَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ فَرِجَالًا أَوْ رُكْبَانًا ۖ فَإِذَا أَمْنْتُمْ  
 فَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَمَا عَلَّمَكُمْ مَا لَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٤٠﴾  
 وَالَّذِينَ يُتَوَفَّوْنَ مِنْكُمْ وَيَذَرُونَ أَزْوَاجًا ۖ  
 وَصِيَّةً لِأَزْوَاجِهِمْ مَتَاعًا إِلَى الْحَوْلِ غَيْرِ  
 إِخْرَاجٍ ۚ فَإِنْ خَرَجْنَ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي مَا  
 فَعَلْنَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِنَّ مِنْ مَّعْرُوفٍ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ  
 حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٤١﴾ وَلِلْمُطَلَّقاتِ مَتَاعٌ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ حَقًّا  
 عَلَى الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٢٤٢﴾ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ  
 لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٤٣﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ خَرَجُوا  
 مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ وَهُمْ أُلُوفٌ حَذَرَ الْمَوْتِ ۖ

فَقَالَ

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95 The passage that discusses prayer falls between the passages that discuss divorce and women's rights after divorce because it serves as a reminder that prayers should motivate spouses to always be mindful of their Lord during their marriage and also after divorce so no one will be wronged in anyway.

96 As mentioned in several authentic sayings of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), the middle prayer is the afternoon prayer, 'Aṣr.

97 This ruling was later replaced by the ruling in 2:234.

98 They fled in the wake of a plague or an enemy attack.

فَقَالَ لَهُمُ اللَّهُ مُوتُوا ثُمَّ أَحْيَاهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
 لَذُو فَضْلٍ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ  
 لَا يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٤٤﴾ وَقَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَعَلِمُوا  
 أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٤٥﴾ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ  
 قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضْعِفُهُ لَهُ أَضْعَافًا كَثِيرَةً ۚ  
 وَاللَّهُ يَقْبِضُ وَيَبْصُطُ ۚ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٢٤٦﴾  
 أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الْهَلَاءِ مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ  
 مُوسَى إِذْ قَالُوا لِنَبِيِّهِمْ لَهُمْ ائْتِنَا مَلِكًا تُقَاتِلُ  
 فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۚ قَالَ هَلْ عَسَيْتُمْ إِنْ كُتِبَ  
 عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِتَالُ أَلَّا تُقَاتِلُوا ۚ قَالُوا وَمَا لَنَا أَلَّا  
 نُقَاتِلَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَقَدْ أَخْرَجَنَا مِنْ دِيَارِنَا  
 وَأَبْنَاؤُنَا فَلَمَّا كُتِبَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقِتَالُ تَوَلَّوْا  
 إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِّنْهُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢٤٧﴾

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Allah said to them, "Die!" then He gave them life. Surely Allah is ever Bountiful to humanity, but most people are ungrateful. 244. Fight in the cause of Allah, and know that Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 245. Who will lend to Allah a good loan which Allah will multiply many times over? It is Allah 'alone' who decreases and increases 'wealth'. And to Him you will 'all' be returned.

#### Prophet Samuel

246. Have you not seen those chiefs of the Children of Israel after Moses? They said to one of their prophets, "Appoint for us a king, 'and' we will fight in the cause of Allah." He said, "Are you not going to cower if ordered to fight?" They replied, "How could we refuse to fight in the cause of Allah, while we were driven out of our homes and 'separated from' our children?" But when they were ordered to fight, they fled, except for a few of them. And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of the wrongdoers.

## King Saul

247. Their prophet told them, "Allah has appointed Saul<sup>99</sup> to be your king." They protested, "How can he be our king when some of us are more deserving of kingship than he, and he has not been blessed with vast riches?" He replied, "Allah has chosen him over you and blessed him with knowledge and stature. Allah grants kingship to whoever He wills. And Allah is All-Bountiful, All-Knowing." 248. Their prophet further told them, "The sign of Saul's kingship is that the Ark will come to you—containing reassurance<sup>100</sup> from your Lord and relics of the family of Moses and the family of Aaron,<sup>101</sup> which will be carried by the angels. Surely in this is a sign for you, if you 'truly' believe."

## Saul's Victory

249. When Saul marched forth with his army, he cautioned: "Allah will test you with a river. So whoever drinks 'his fill' from it is not with me, and whoever does not taste it—except a sip from the hollow of his hands—is definitely with me."

وَقَالَ لَهُمْ نَبِيُّهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ بَعَثَ لَكُمْ طَالُوتَ  
مَلَكًا قَالُوا أَنَّى يَكُونُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ عَلَيْنَا وَنَحْنُ  
أَحَقُّ بِالْمُلْكِ مِنْهُ وَلَمْ يُؤْتَ سَعَةً مِّنَ الْمَالِ  
قَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاهُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَزَادَهُ بَسْطَةً  
فِي الْعِلْمِ وَالْجِسْمِ وَاللَّهُ يُؤْتِي مُلْكَهُ مَن  
يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ نَبِيُّهُمْ  
إِنَّ آيَةَ مُلْكِهِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَكُمُ التَّابُوتُ فِيهِ  
سَكِينَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَبَقِيَّةٌ مِّمَّا تَرَكَ آلُ مُوسَى  
وَالْهَارُونَ تَحْمِلُهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ  
لَآيَةً لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ فَلَمَّا فَصَلَ  
طَالُوتُ بِالْجُنُودِ قَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مُبْتَلِيكُمْ  
بِنَهَرٍ فَمَن شَرِبَ مِنْهُ فَلَيْسَ مِنِّي وَمَنْ  
لَّمْ يَطْعَمْهُ فَإِنَّهُ مِنِّي إِلَّا مَنِ اعْتَرَفَ غُرْفَةً

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99 Talūt.

100 Reassurance refers to the Torah.

101 i.e., the staff of Moses and fragments of the Tablets.

They all drank 'their fill' except for a few! When he and the 'remaining' faithful with him crossed the river, they said, "Now we are no match for Goliath and his warriors." But those 'believers' who were certain they would meet Allah reasoned, "How many times has a small force vanquished a mighty army by the Will of Allah! And Allah is 'always' with the steadfast."

### David Kills Goliath

250. When they advanced to face Goliath and his warriors, they prayed, "Our Lord! Shower us with perseverance, make our steps firm, and give us victory over the disbelieving people." 251. So they defeated them by Allah's Will, and David killed Goliath. And Allah blessed David with kingship and wisdom and taught him what He willed. Had Allah not repelled a group of people by 'the might of' another, corruption would have dominated the earth, but Allah is Gracious to all. 252. These are Allah's revelations which We recite to you 'O Prophet' in truth. And you are truly one of the messengers.

احتياط

بِيَدِهِ ۖ فَشَرَبُوا مِنْهُ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِنْهُمْ ۖ فَلَمَّا  
جَاوَزَهُ هُوَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ قَالُوا لَا طَاقَةَ  
لَنَا الْيَوْمَ بِجَالُوتَ وَجُنُودِهِ ۖ قَالَ الَّذِينَ يَظُنُّونَ  
أَنَّهُم مُّلاقُوا اللَّهِ ۖ كَمْ مِنْ فِئَةٍ قَلِيلَةٍ غَلَبَتْ  
فِئَةً كَثِيرَةً بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٢٥٠﴾  
وَلَمَّا بَرَرُوا لِحَالُوتَ وَجُنُودِهِ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ  
عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى  
الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٥١﴾ فَهَزَمُوهُمْ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَ  
وَقَتَلَ دَاوُدُ جَالُوتَ وَاتَّشَهُ اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ وَ  
الْحِكْمَةَ وَعَلَّمَهُ مِمَّا يَشَاءُ ۖ وَلَوْلَا دَفْعُ اللَّهِ  
النَّاسَ بَعْضُهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لَفَسَدَتِ الْأَرْضُ وَلَكِنَّ  
اللَّهَ ذُو فَضْلٍ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٥٢﴾ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ اللَّهِ  
نَتْلُوهَا عَلَيْكَ بِالْحَقِّ ۖ وَإِنَّكَ لَمِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿٢٥٣﴾

## Some Messengers Raised in Rank

253. We have chosen some of those messengers above others.<sup>102</sup> Allah, spoke directly to some, and raised some high in rank. To Jesus, son of Mary, We gave clear proofs and supported him with the holy spirit.<sup>103</sup> If Allah had willed, succeeding generations would not have fought 'among themselves' after receiving the clear proofs. But they differed—some believed while others disbelieved. Yet if Allah had willed, they would not have fought one another. But Allah does what He wills.

## Spending in Allah's Way

254. O believers! Donate from what We have provided for you before the arrival of a Day when there will be no bargaining,<sup>104</sup> friendship,<sup>105</sup> or intercession. Those who disbelieve are 'truly' the wrongdoers.

## One True Allah

255. Allah! There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him, the Ever-Living, All-Sustaining. Neither drowsiness nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who could possibly intercede with Him without His permission?

الْبَيْتِ الْقَالِشِ (٣)

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→ امتيائ

أَيِّدِيَهُمْ

منزل ا

تِلْكَ الرُّسُلُ فَضَّلْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ مِّنْهُمْ مَّنْ كَلَّمَ اللَّهُ وَرَفَعَ بَعْضَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٍ ۖ وَآتَيْنَا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَيَّدْنَاهُ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ ۖ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا اقْتَتَلَ الَّذِينَ مِن بَعْدِهِمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَاتُ وَلَكِنْ اخْتَلَفُوا فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ آمَنَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ كَفَرَ ۖ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا اقْتَتَلُوا وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ ۝<sup>(١٥٦)</sup> يَٰٓأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِّنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ يَوْمٌ لَا بَيْعٌ فِيهِ وَلَا خُلَّةٌ وَلَا شَفَاعَةٌ ۚ وَالْكَافِرُونَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ۝<sup>(١٥٧)</sup> اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ ۚ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ۚ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ مَن ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ۚ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيِّنَ

102 Those messengers mentioned earlier in this sūrah (see verse 136).

103 i.e., Gabriel.

104 This implies ransoming one's self.

105 i.e., friendly connections.



أَيْدِيَهُمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ۖ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ  
 عَلَيْهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ ۚ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمُوتِ  
 وَالْأَرْضَ ۖ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا ۚ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ  
 الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٢٥٦﴾ لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ ۚ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ  
 مِنَ الْغَيِّ ۚ فَمَن يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ  
 فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا ۗ  
 وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٥٧﴾ اللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ۖ  
 يُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
 أَوْلِيَهُمُ الطَّاغُوتُ ۖ يُخْرِجُونَهُم مِّنَ النُّورِ  
 إِلَى الظُّلُمَاتِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا  
 خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢٥٨﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِي حَاجَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي  
 رَبِّهِ أَنْ أَسَّاهُ اللَّهُ الْمَلِكَ ۖ إِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّي  
 الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ ۚ قَالَ أَنَا أُحْيِي وَأُمِيتُ ۗ

He 'fully' knows what is ahead of them and what is behind them, but no one can grasp any of His knowledge—except what He wills 'to reveal'. His Seat<sup>106</sup> encompasses the heavens and the earth, and the preservation of both does not tire Him. For He is the Most High, the Greatest.<sup>107</sup>

#### Free Will in Accepting Islam

256. Let there be no compulsion in religion, for the truth stands out clearly from falsehood.<sup>108</sup> So whoever renounces false gods and believes in Allah has certainly grasped the firmest, unfailing hand-hold. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 257. Allah is the Guardian of the believers—He brings them out of darkness and into light. As for the disbelievers, their guardians are false gods who lead them out of light and into darkness. It is they who will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever.

#### Abraham and the Arrogant King

258. Are you 'O Prophet' not aware of the one who argued with Abraham about his Lord because Allah had granted him kingship? 'Remember' when Abraham said, "My Lord is the One Who has power to give life and cause death." He argued, "I too have the power to give life and cause death."

106 The Arabic word *kursi* can either mean seat or knowledge. There are some narrations attributed to Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) that describe Allah's Throne ('*Arsh*') as being greater than His *Kursi*.

107 According to Muslim belief, this is the greatest verse in the Quran.

108 This verse was revealed when some new Muslims tried to force their Jewish and Christian children to convert to Islam after the Prophet's emigration (*Hiirah*) to Medina. The verse prohibits forced conversion.

Abraham challenged 'him', "Allah causes the sun to rise from the east. So make it rise from the west." And so the disbeliever was dumb-struck. And Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people.

### Story of Ezra

259. Or 'are you not aware of' the one who passed by a city which was in ruins. He wondered, "How could Allah bring this back to life after its destruction?" So Allah caused him to die for a hundred years then brought him back to life. Allah asked, "How long have you remained 'in this state'?" He replied, "Perhaps a day or part of a day." Allah said, "No! You have remained here for a hundred years! Just look at your food and drink—they have not spoiled. 'But now' look at 'the remains of your donkey! And 'so' We have made you into a sign for humanity. And look at the bones 'of the donkey', how We bring them together then clothe them with flesh!"<sup>109</sup> When this was made clear to him, he declared, "'Now' I know that Allah is Most Capable of everything."

### Abraham Inquiring About Resurrection

260. And 'remember' when Abraham said, "My Lord! Show me how you give life to the dead."

قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْتِي بِالشَّمْسِ مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ  
 فَأْتِ بِهَا مِنَ الْمَغْرِبِ فَبُهِتَ الَّذِي كَفَرَ ۚ  
 وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢٥٩﴾ أَوْ كَالَّذِي مَرَّ  
 عَلَى قَرْيَةٍ وَهِيَ خَاوِيَةٌ عَلَى عُرُوشِهَا قَالَ أَنَّى  
 يُحْيِي هَذِهِ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ۚ فَأَمَاتَهُ اللَّهُ مِائَةَ  
 عَامٍ ثُمَّ بَعَثَهُ ۖ قَالَ كَمْ لَبِثْتَ ۖ قَالَ لَبِثْتُ يَوْمًا  
 أَوْ بَعْضَ يَوْمٍ ۖ قَالَ بَلْ لَبِثْتَ مِائَةَ عَامٍ فَانْظُرْ  
 إِلَى طَعَامِكَ وَشَرَابِكَ لَمْ يَتَسَنَّهْ ۚ وَانْظُرْ إِلَى  
 حِمَارِكَ وَلِنَجْعَلَكَ آيَةً لِلنَّاسِ وَانْظُرْ إِلَى  
 الْعِظَامِ كَيْفَ نُنْشِزُهَا ثُمَّ نَكْسُوهَا لَحْمًا ۖ فَلَمَّا  
 تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ ۖ قَالَ أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
 قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٦٠﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ أَرِنِي كَيْفَ تُحْيِي  
 الْمَوْتَى ۖ قَالَ أَوْ لَمْ تُؤْمِنْ ۖ قَالَ بَلَىٰ وَلَٰكِنِ

لِيُظْهِرَ

مَنْزِلًا

لِيُطْمِئِنَّ قُلُوبِي ۖ قَالَ فَخُذْ أَرْبَعَةً مِّنَ الطَّيْرِ  
فَصُرْهُنَّ إِلَيْكَ ثُمَّ اجْعَلْ عَلَى كُلِّ جَبَلٍ مِّنْهُنَّ  
جُزْءًا ثُمَّ ادْعُهُنَّ يَأْتِينَكَ سَعْيًا ۚ وَاعْلَمْ أَنَّ  
اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٦١﴾ مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ  
أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَتَتْ سَبْعَ  
سَنَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ سُنبُلَةٍ مِّائَةٌ حَبَّةٌ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يُضَعِفُ  
لِمَن يَشَاءُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦٢﴾ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ  
أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ لَا يُتْبِعُونَ مَا أَنْفَقُوا  
مَنًّا وَلَا أَذًى ۚ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ وَلَا  
خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٢٦٣﴾ قَوْلٌ مَّعْرُوفٌ  
وَمَغْفِرَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ صَدَقَةٍ يَتْبَعُهَا أَذًى ۚ  
وَاللَّهُ غَنِيٌّ حَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦٤﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَبْطُلُوا  
صَدَقَاتِكُمْ بِالْمَنِّ وَالْأَذَى ۚ كَالَّذِي يُنْفِقُ

Allah responded, "Do you not believe?" Abraham replied, "Yes I do, but just so my heart can be reassured." Allah said, "Then bring four birds, train them to come to you, then cut them into pieces, and scatter them on different hilltops. Then call them back, they will fly to you in haste. And 'so you will' know that Allah is Almighty, All-Wise."

#### Multiplied Rewards for Charity

261. The example of those who spend their wealth in the cause of Allah is that of a grain that sprouts into seven ears, each bearing one hundred grains. And Allah multiplies 'the reward even more' to whoever He wills. For Allah is All-Bountiful, All-Knowing.

#### Sincere Charity

262. Those who spend their wealth in the cause of Allah and do not follow their charity with reminders of their generosity or hurtful words—they will get their reward from their Lord, and there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve. 263. Kind words and forgiveness are better than charity followed by injury. And Allah is Self-Sufficient, Most Forbearing.

#### Parable for Wasted Charity

264. O believers! Do not waste your charity with reminders 'of your generosity' or hurtful words,

like those who donate their wealth just to show off and do not believe in Allah or the Last Day. Their example is that of a hard barren rock covered with a thin layer of soil hit by a strong rain—leaving it just a bare stone. Such people are unable to preserve the reward of their charity. Allah does not guide "such" disbelieving people.

#### Parable for Accepted Charity

265. And the example of those who donate their wealth, seeking Allah's pleasure and believing the reward is certain,<sup>110</sup> is that of a garden on a fertile hill: when heavy rain falls, it yields up twice its normal produce. If no heavy rain falls, a drizzle is sufficient. And Allah is All-Seeing of what you do.

#### Wasted Reward

266. Would any of you wish to have a garden with palm trees, grapevines, and all kinds of fruits with rivers flowing underneath and as they grow very old with dependent children, a fiery whirlwind hits the garden, burning it all up? This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to you, so perhaps you will reflect.

مَالَهُ رِثَاءَ النَّاسِ وَلَا يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ  
فَمَثَلُهُ كَمَثَلِ صَفْوَانٍ عَلَيْهِ ثُرَابٌ فَأَصَابَهُ  
وَابِلٌ فَتَرَكَهُ صَلْدًا ۖ لَا يَقْدِرُونَ عَلَى شَيْءٍ  
مِّمَّا كَسَبُوا ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٦٥﴾  
وَمَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ  
اللَّهِ وَتَثْبِيتًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ كَمَثَلِ جَنَّةٍ بِرَبْوَةٍ  
أَصَابَهَا وَابِلٌ فَاتَتْ أَكْثَلَهَا ضَعْفَيْنِ ۚ فَإِن لَّمْ  
يُصِبْهَا وَابِلٌ فَطَلٌّ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٦٦﴾  
أَيُّودٌ أَحَدُكُمْ أَن تَكُونَ لَهُ جَنَّةٌ مِّن نَّحِيلٍ وَ  
أَعْنَابٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۖ لَهُ فِيهَا  
مِن كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ ۖ وَأَصَابَهُ الْكِبَرُ وَلَهُ ذُرِّيَّةٌ  
ضُعْفَاءُ ۖ فَأَصَابَهَا إِعْصَارٌ فِيهِ نَارٌ فَاحْتَرَقَتْ ۖ  
كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٦٧﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ

مَثَلُ

110 It could also mean "... seeking Allah's pleasure and proving their sincerity."

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ  
وَمِمَّا أَخْرَجْنَا لَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَلَا تَيَمَّمُوا  
الْخَبِيثَ مِنْهُ تُنْفِقُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ بِآخِذِيهِ إِلَّا أَنْ  
تُغْمِضُوا فِيهِ ۖ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ حَمِيدٌ ﴿٢٦٧﴾  
الشَّيْطَانُ يَعِدُكُمُ الْفَقْرَ وَيَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالْفَحْشَاءِ ۖ  
وَاللَّهُ يَعِدُكُم مَغْفِرَةً مِنْهُ وَفَضْلًا ۗ وَاللَّهُ  
وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦٨﴾ يُؤْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَمَنْ  
يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ۗ وَمَا  
يَذْكُرُ إِلَّا أَهْلُ الْآلِبَابِ ﴿٢٦٩﴾ وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ  
مِنْ نَفَقَةٍ أَوْ نَذَرْتُمْ مِنْ نَذْرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ  
يَعْلَمُهَا ۗ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ ﴿٢٧٠﴾ إِنْ تُبْدُوا  
الصَّدَقَاتِ فَنِعِمَّا هِيَ ۚ وَإِنْ تُخْفُوهَا وَتُؤْتُوهَا  
الْفُقَرَاءَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ ۖ وَيُكَفِّرُ عَنْكُمْ مِنْ

### Quality Charity

267. O believers! Donate from the best of what you have earned and of what We have produced for you from the earth. Do not pick out worthless things for donation, which you yourselves would only accept with closed eyes. And know that Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.

### Devil Discouraging Charity

268. The Devil threatens you with 'the prospect of' poverty and bids you to the shameful deed 'of stinginess', while Allah promises you forgiveness and 'great' bounties from Him. And Allah is All-Bountiful, All-Knowing.

### Wisdom as a Privilege, Not a Right

269. Allah grants wisdom to whoever He wills. And whoever is granted wisdom is certainly blessed with a great privilege. But none will be mindful 'of this' except people of reason.

### Donating Openly and Secretly

270. Whatever charities you give or vows you make are surely known to Allah. And the wrongdoers will have no helpers. 271. To give charity publicly is good, but to give to the poor privately is better for you, and will absolve you of your sins.

And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.<sup>111</sup> 272. You are not responsible for people's guidance 'O Prophet'—it is Allah Who guides whoever He wills. Whatever you 'believers' spend in charity, it is for your own good—as long as you do so seeking the pleasure of Allah.<sup>112</sup> Whatever you donate will be paid back to you in full, and you will not be wronged.

#### *Caring for the Needy*

273. 'Charity is' for the needy who are too engaged in the cause of Allah to move about in the land 'for work'. Those unfamiliar with their situation will think they are not in need 'of charity' because they do not beg. You can recognize them by their appearance. They do not beg people persistently. Whatever you give in charity is certainly well known to Allah. 274. Those who spend their wealth in charity day and night, secretly and openly—their reward is with their Lord, and there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve.

#### *Interest Prohibited*

275. Those who consume interest will stand 'on Judgment Day' like those driven to madness by Satan's touch.

سَيَاتِكُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٢٧٢﴾ لَيْسَ عَلَيْكَ هُدَاهُمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۖ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَلَا تُنْفِسْكُمْ ۖ وَمَا تُنْفِقُونَ إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يُوَفِّ إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٧٣﴾ لِلْفُقَرَاءِ الَّذِينَ أُحْصِرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ ضَرْبًا فِي الْأَرْضِ يَحْسَبُهُمُ الْجَاهِلُ أَغْنِيَاءَ مِنَ التَّعَفُّفِ ۖ تَعْرِفُهُمْ بِسِيَرِهِمْ ۖ لَا يَسْأَلُونَ النَّاسَ إِحْفَافًا ۖ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٧٤﴾ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٢٧٥﴾ الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ الرِّبَا لَا يَقُومُونَ إِلَّا كَمَا يَقُومُ الَّذِي يَتَخَبَّطُهُ

111 Donations for a public cause may be done openly to encourage others to donate, whereas it is recommended to give charity to the poor secretly.

112 lit.. seeking the Face of Allah.

That is because they say, "Trade is no different than interest." But Allah has permitted trading and forbidden interest. Whoever refrains—after having received warning from their Lord—may keep their previous gains, and their case is left to Allah. As for those who persist, it is they who will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever. 276. Allah has made interest fruitless and charity fruitful. And Allah does not like any ungrateful evildoer.

وَقُلْنَا لَأَنزِلُ

#### True Believers

277. Indeed, those who believe, do good, establish prayer, and pay alms-tax will receive their reward from their Lord, and there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve.

#### Warning Against Interest

278. O believers! Fear Allah, and give up outstanding interest if you are 'true' believers. 279. If you do not, then beware of a war with Allah and His Messenger! But if you repent, you may retain your principal. Do no wrong and you will not be wronged.

#### Kindness in Collecting Debts

280. If it is difficult for someone to repay a debt,

الشَّيْطَانُ مِنَ الْمَسِّ ۖ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا  
الْبَيْعُ مِثْلُ الرِّبَا وَأَحَلَّ اللَّهُ الْبَيْعَ وَحَرَّمَ الرِّبَا ۚ  
فَمَنْ جَاءَهُ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِ فَانْتَهَىٰ فَلَهُ مَا  
سَلَفَ ۚ وَأَمْرُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَنْ عَادَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ  
أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢٧٦﴾ يَحَقُّ لِلَّهِ الرِّبَا  
وَيُزِيلُ الصَّدَقَاتِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ كَفَّارٍ أَثِيمٍ ﴿٢٧٧﴾  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ  
وَاتَوَاتُوا الزَّكَاةَ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ وَلَا خَوْفٌ  
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٢٧٨﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَذَرُوا مَا بَقِيَ مِنَ الرِّبَا إِن كُنْتُمْ  
مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢٧٩﴾ فَإِنْ لَّمْ تَفْعَلُوا فَأْذَنُوا بِحَرْبٍ مِّنَ  
اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۚ وَإِنْ تُبْتُمْ فَلَكُمْ رُءُوسُ أَمْوَالِكُمْ ۖ  
لَا تَظْلِمُونَ وَلَا تُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨٠﴾ وَإِنْ كَانَ ذُو

postpone it until a time of ease. And if you waive it as an act of charity, it will be better for you, if only you knew.

### Reminder of Judgment Day

281. Be mindful of the Day when you will 'all' be returned to Allah, then every soul will be paid in full for what it has done, and none will be wronged.<sup>113</sup>

### Writing a Debt Contract

282. O believers! When you contract a loan for a fixed period of time, commit it to writing. Let the scribe maintain justice between the parties. The scribe should not refuse to write as Allah has taught them to write. They will write what the debtor dictates, bearing Allah in mind and not defrauding the debt. If the debtor is incompetent, weak, or unable to dictate, let their guardian dictate for them with justice.

عُسْرَةً فَنَظِرَةٌ إِلَىٰ مَيْسَرَةٍ ۖ وَأَنْ تَصَدَّقُوا خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨١﴾ وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَىٰ اللَّهِ ۖ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّىٰ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨٢﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا تَدَايَيْتُمْ بِدَيْنٍ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى فَاكْتُبُوهُ ۚ وَلْيَكْتُب بَيْنَكُمْ كَاتِبٌ بِالْعَدْلِ ۚ وَلَا يَبْ كَاتِبٌ أَنْ يَكْتُبَ كَمَا عَلَّمَهُ اللَّهُ ۚ فَلْيَكْتُبْ وَلْيُمْلِلِ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِ الْحَقُّ وَلْيَتَّقِ اللَّهَ رَبَّهُ وَلَا يَبْخَسْ مِنْهُ شَيْئًا ۚ فَإِنْ كَانَ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِ الْحَقُّ سَفِيهًا أَوْ ضَعِيفًا أَوْ لَا يَسْطِيعُ أَنْ يُمْلِئَ هُوَ فَلْيُمْلِلْ وَلِيُّهُ بِالْعَدْلِ ۚ وَاسْتَشْهِدُوا شَهِيدَيْنِ مِنْ رِجَالِكُمْ ۚ فَإِنْ لَمْ يَكُونَا رَجُلَيْنِ فَرَجُلٌ وَامْرَأَتٌ مِمَّنْ تَرْضَوْنَ مِنَ الشُّهَدَاءِ أَنْ تَضِلَّ إِحْدَاهُمَا

<sup>113</sup> Verse 281 is believed by many scholars to be the last verse revealed of the Quran.



فَتَدْكُرْ أَحَدَهُمَا الْآخَرَىٰ ۖ وَلَا يَأْبَ الشَّهَدَاءُ إِذَا  
 مَا دُعُوا ۖ وَلَا تَسْمُؤًا أَنْ تَكْتُبُوهُ صَغِيرًا أَوْ كَبِيرًا  
 إِلَىٰ أَجَلِهِ ۚ ذَلِكُمْ أَقْسَطُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَأَقْوَمُ لِلشَّهَادَةِ  
 وَأَدْنَىٰ أَلَّا تَرْتَابُوا ۚ إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونَ تِجَارَةً  
 حَاضِرَةً تُدِيرُونَهَا بَيْنَكُمْ فَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ  
 جُنَاحٌ أَلَّا تَكْتُبُوهَا ۖ وَأَشْهَدُوا إِذَا تَبَايَعْتُمْ ۖ  
 وَلَا يُضَارَرُ كَاتِبٌ وَلَا شَهِيدٌ ۚ وَإِنْ تَفْعَلُوا  
 فَإِنَّهُ فُسُوقٌ بِكُمْ ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۖ وَيَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ  
 وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٨٣﴾ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ  
 وَلَمْ تَجِدُوا كَاتِبًا فَرِهْنِ مَقْبُوضَةً ۚ فَإِنْ أَمِنَ  
 بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا فَلْيُؤَدِّ الَّذِي أُؤْتِمِنَ أَمَانَتَهُ  
 وَلْيَتَّقِ اللَّهَ رَبَّهُ ۚ وَلَا تَكْتُبُوا الشَّهَادَةَ ۚ وَمَنْ يَكْتُهَا  
 فَإِنَّهُ إِثْمٌ قَلْبُهُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٨٤﴾

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### Witnessing a Debt Contract

Call upon two of your men to witness. If two men cannot be found, then one man and two women of your choice will witness—so if one of the women forgets the other may remind her.<sup>114</sup> The witnesses must not refuse when they are summoned. You must not be against writing 'contracts' for a fixed period—whether the sum is small or great. This is more just 'for you' in the sight of Allah, and more convenient to establish evidence and remove doubts. However, if you conduct an immediate transaction among yourselves, then there is no need for you to record it, but call upon witnesses when a deal is finalized. Let no harm come to the scribe or witnesses. If you do, then you have gravely exceeded 'your limits'. Be mindful of Allah, for Allah 'is the One Who' teaches you. And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things.

### Taking Collateral

283. If you are on a journey and a scribe cannot be found, then a security can be taken. If you trust one another, then 'there is no need for a security, but' the debtor should honour this trust 'by repaying the debt'—and let them fear Allah, their Lord. And do not conceal the testimony, for whoever conceals it, their hearts are indeed sinful. And Allah 'fully' knows what you do.

114 Generally speaking, there is a difference between witnessing and giving testimony before a judge. Verse 2:282 talks about witnessing a debt contract, not giving testimony. To fully understand the context of this verse, we need to keep in mind that 1500 years ago women did not normally participate in business transactions or travel with trading caravans and, therefore, not every woman had the expertise to witness a debt contract. Even if two women were available at the time of signing the contract, perhaps the primary witness might not be able to recall the details of the contract or appear before a judge because of compelling circumstances such as pregnancy or delivery. In any of these cases, the second woman will be a back-up. Some scholars maintain that one woman can be sufficient as a witness so long as she is reliable. As for giving testimony, a ruling can be made based on available testimony, regardless of the number or gender of the witnesses. For example, the beginning of Ramaḍān is usually confirmed by the sighting of the new moon, regardless of the gender of the person who sights the moon. Also the highest form of witness in Islam is for someone to testify they heard a narration (or *ḥadīth*) from the Prophet (ﷺ). An authentic *ḥadīth* is accepted by all Muslims regardless of the gender of the narrator. Moreover, if a husband accuses his wife of adultery and he has no witnesses, each spouse must testify five times that they are telling the truth and the other side is lying. Both testimonies are equal (see 24:6-10). In some cases, only women's testimony is accepted while men's testimony is rejected, such as testifying regarding a woman's pregnancy or virginity.

*Allah's Might*

284. To Allah 'alone' belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Whether you reveal what is in your hearts or conceal it, Allah will call you to account for it. He forgives whoever He wills, and punishes whoever He wills. And Allah is Most Capable of everything.

*Articles of Faith*

285. The Messenger 'firmly' believes in what has been revealed to him from his Lord, and so do the believers. They 'all' believe in Allah, His angels, His Books, and His messengers. "They proclaim," "We make no distinction between any of His messengers." And they say, "We hear and obey. 'We seek' Your forgiveness, our Lord! And to You 'alone' is the final return."

*Prayer for Grace*

286. Allah does not require of any soul more than what it can afford. All good will be for its own benefit, and all evil will be to its own loss. "The believers pray," "Our Lord! Do not punish us if we forget or make a mistake. Our Lord! Do not place a burden on us like the one you placed on those before us. Our Lord! Do not burden us with what we cannot bear. Pardon us, forgive us, and have mercy on us. You are our 'only' Guardian. So grant us victory over the disbelieving people."



لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَإِنْ تُبَدُّوا  
مَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَوْ تُخْفَوْهُ يُحَاسِبْكُمْ بِهِ اللَّهُ ۖ  
فَيَغْفِرُ لِمَن يَشَاءُ وَيُعَذِّبُ مَن يَشَاءُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ  
عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٨٥﴾ اٰمَنَ الرَّسُوْلُ بِمَا اُنْزِلَ  
اِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَّبِّهِ ۚ وَالْمُؤْمِنُوْنَ كُلُّ اٰمَنَ بِاللّٰهِ  
وَمَلٰئِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ۚ لَا تَفَرَّقُ بَيْنَ اَحَدٍ  
مِّنْ رُّسُلِهِ ۚ وَقَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَاَطَعْنَا ۚ غُفْرٰنَكَ  
رَبَّنَا ۚ وَاِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيْرُ ﴿٢٨٦﴾ لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللّٰهُ نَفْسًا اِلَّا  
وُسْعَهَا ۚ لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَعَلَيْهَا مَا اكْتَسَبَتْ ۚ  
رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا اِنْ نَسِیْنَا اَوْ اَخْطَاْنَا ۚ رَبَّنَا  
وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا اِصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ عَلٰی الَّذِیْنَ مِنْ  
قَبْلِنَا ۚ رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا مَا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ ۚ  
وَاعْفُ عَنَّا ۚ وَارْحَمْنَا ۚ اَنْتَ مَوْلٰنَا

فَانصُرْنَا

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overpowered and driven to Hell—  
what an evil place to rest!”

#### Allah's Help at the Battle of Badr<sup>118</sup>

13. Indeed, there was a sign for you in the two armies that met in battle—one fighting for the cause of Allah and the other in denial. The believers saw their enemy twice their number.<sup>119</sup> But Allah supports with His victory whoever He wills. Surely in this is a lesson for people of insight.

#### Temporary Pleasures

14. The enjoyment of 'worldly' desires—women, children,<sup>120</sup> treasures of gold and silver, fine horses, cattle, and fertile land—has been made appealing to people. These are the pleasures of this worldly life, but with Allah is the finest destination.

#### Everlasting Delight

15. Say, "O Prophet," "Shall I inform you of what is better than 'all of' this? Those mindful of their Lord will have Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there forever, and pure spouses,<sup>121</sup> along with Allah's pleasure." And Allah is All-Seeing of 'His' servants, 16. who pray, "Our Lord! We have believed,

جَهَنَّمَ ۖ وَبِئْسَ الْمِهَادُ ﴿١٣﴾ قَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ آيَةٌ

فِي فِتْنَتَيْنِ التَّتَقَاتُ ۖ فِئَةٌ تَقَاتِلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

وَأُخْرَى كَافِرَةٌ يَرَوْنَهُمْ مِثْلَيْهِمْ رَأَى الْعَيْنُ ۖ

وَاللَّهُ يُؤَيِّدُ بِنَصَرِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۖ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً

لِّأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ ﴿١٤﴾ زِينٌ لِلنَّاسِ حُبُّ الشَّهَوَاتِ

مِنَ النِّسَاءِ وَالْبَنِينَ وَالْقَنَاطِيرِ الْمُقَنْطَرَةِ

مِنَ الذَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ وَالْخَيْلِ الْمُسَوَّمَةِ وَ

الْأَنْعَامِ وَالْحَرْثِ ۖ ذَلِكَ مَتَاعُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ۗ

وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ حُسْنُ الْمَبَإِ ﴿١٥﴾ قُلْ أَوْفَيْتُكُمْ

بِخَيْرٍ مِّنْ ذَلِكَ ۖ لِلَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ

جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا

وَأَزْوَاجٌ مُّطَهَّرَةٌ وَرِضْوَانٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ

بَصِيرٌ بِالْعِبَادِ ﴿١٦﴾ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا إِنَّنَا أَمْنَا

118 Badr is the name of the location where the Muslim army and the pagan army of Mecca fought in 2 A.H./624 C.E. The Muslim army was made up of over 300 soldiers whereas the pagan army was over 1000.

119 It can also be understood that the disbelievers were made to think there were twice as many believers in the battlefield.

120 *Banîn* means sons. In the ancient Arab culture, sons were a source of pride for their parents and tribes. This is because they provided for their families and took up arms in defence of their tribes.

121 See footnote for 2:25.

so forgive our sins and protect us from the torment of the Fire.” 17. ‘It is they’ who are patient, sincere, obedient, and charitable, and who pray for forgiveness before dawn.<sup>122</sup>

### One God

18. Allah ‘Himself’ is a Witness that there is no god ‘worthy of worship’ except Him—and so are the angels and people of knowledge. He is the Maintainer of justice. There is no god ‘worthy of worship’ except Him—the Almighty, All-Wise.

### One Way

19. Certainly, Allah’s only Way is Islam.<sup>123</sup> Those who were given the Scripture did not dispute ‘among themselves’ out of mutual envy until knowledge came to them.<sup>124</sup> Whoever denies Allah’s signs, then surely Allah is swift in reckoning. 20. So if they argue with you ‘O Prophet’, say, ‘I have submitted myself to Allah, and so have my followers.’ And ask those who were given the Scripture and the illiterate ‘people’,<sup>125</sup> ‘Have you submitted yourselves ‘to Allah?’’ If they submit, they will be ‘rightly’ guided. But if they turn away, then your duty is only to deliver ‘the message’. And Allah is All-Seeing of ‘His’ servants.

### Reward of the Rebellious

21. Indeed, those who deny Allah’s signs, kill the prophets unjustly,

فَاَغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ۝ الصَّابِرِينَ وَ  
الصَّادِقِينَ وَالْقانتِينَ وَالْمُنْفِقِينَ وَالْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ  
بِالْأَسْحَارِ ۝ شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ وَ  
الْمَلَكُوتُ ۚ وَأُولُوا الْعِلْمِ قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا  
هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ۝ إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ ۚ  
وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ  
مَا جَاءَهُمْ الْعِلْمُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ ۚ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ  
بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ۝ فَإِنْ  
حَاجَّوكَ فَقُلْ أَسْلَمْتُ وَجْهِيَ لِلَّهِ وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِ ۚ  
وَقُلْ لِلَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ وَالْأُمِّيِّينَ أَسْلَمْتُمْ  
فَإِنْ أَسْلَمُوا فَقَدِ اهْتَدَوْا ۚ وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا  
عَلَيْكَ الْبَلْعُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِصِيرٍ بِالْعِبَادِ ۝ إِنَّ  
الَّذِينَ يَكْفُرُونَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَيَقْتُلُونَ النَّبِيَّ

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122 Optional prayers before dawn are recommended and are more likely to be accepted.

123 i.e., full submission to the Will of Allah.

124 No community split into believers and disbelievers until they received the knowledge given by their prophet.

125 This refers to the pagans of Arabia before Islam.

and kill people who stand up for justice—give them good news of a painful punishment. 22. They are the ones whose deeds are wasted in this world and the Hereafter. And they will have no helpers.

#### Rejecting Allah's Judgment

23. Have you not seen those who were given a portion of the Scriptures?<sup>126</sup> Yet when they are invited to the Book of Allah to settle their disputes, some of them turn away heedlessly. 24. This is because they say, "The Fire will not touch us except for a few days." They have been deceived in their faith by their wishful lying. 25. But how 'horrible' will it be when We gather them together on the Day about which there is no doubt—when every soul will be paid in full for what it has done, and none will be wronged!

#### Allah's Infinite Power

26. Say, "O Prophet," "O Allah! Lord over all authorities! You give authority to whoever You please and remove it from who You please; You honour whoever You please and disgrace who You please—all good is in Your Hands.

بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ ۖ وَيَقْتُلُونَ الَّذِينَ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْقِسْطِ  
مِنَ النَّاسِ ۖ فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٢٢﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ  
الَّذِينَ حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۚ وَمَا  
لَهُمْ مِّنْ نَّصِيرِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا نَصِيبًا  
مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ يُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى كِتَابِ اللَّهِ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ  
ثُمَّ يَتَوَلَّى فَرِيقٌ مِّنْهُمْ وَهُمْ مُّعْرِضُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾  
ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لَن تَمَسَّنَا النَّارُ إِلَّا أَيَّامًا  
مَّعْدُودَاتٍ ۖ وَغَرَّهُمْ فِي دِينِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا  
يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ فَكَيْفَ إِذَا جُمِعْتَهُمْ لِيَوْمٍ لَا رَيْبَ  
فِيهِ ۖ وَوُفِّيَتْ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا  
يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَلِكُ الْمُلْكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ  
مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُعِزُّ  
مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ ۖ بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ ۖ إِنَّكَ

Surely You 'alone' are Most Capable of everything. 27. You cause the night to pass into the day and the day into the night. You bring forth the living from the dead and the dead from the living. And You provide for whoever You will without limit."

#### *Taking Disbelievers as Guardians<sup>127</sup>*

28. Believers should not take disbelievers as guardians instead of the believers—and whoever does so will have nothing to hope for from Allah—unless it is a precaution against their tyranny. And Allah warns you about Himself. And to Allah is the final return.

#### *Allah's Infinite Knowledge*

29. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Whether you conceal what is in your hearts or reveal it, it is known to Allah. For He knows whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And Allah is Most Capable of everything."

#### *Accountability for Good and Evil*

30. "Watch for" the Day when every soul will be presented with whatever good it has done. And it will wish that its misdeeds were far off. And Allah warns you about Himself. And Allah is Ever Gracious to 'His' servants.

عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٧﴾ تُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَ  
تُولِجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ  
وَتُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَتَرْمِي مَنْ تَشَاءُ  
بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿٢٨﴾ لَا يَتَّخِذِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الْكَافِرِينَ  
أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۚ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ  
فَلَيْسَ مِنَ اللَّهِ فِي شَيْءٍ إِلَّا أَنْ تَتَّقُوا مِنْهُمْ  
تَقِيَةً ۖ وَيَحْذَرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ ۖ وَالِىَّ اللَّهُ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٢٩﴾  
قُلْ إِنْ تَخْشَوْا مَا فِي صُدُورِكُمْ أَوْ تَبْدُوهُ يَعْلَمُهُ  
اللَّهُ ۖ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ  
وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٣٠﴾ يَوْمَ تَجِدُ كُلُّ  
نَفْسٍ مَّا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مُحْضَرًا ۚ وَمَا عَمِلَتْ  
مِنْ سُوءٍ ۚ تَوَدُّ لَوْ أَنَّ بَيْنَهَا وَبَيْنَهُ أَمَدًا بَعِيدًا ۖ  
وَيَحْذَرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ رَءُوفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ ﴿٣١﴾

مَا تَقَرَّرَ مِنْهُ

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قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ

مَنْزِلَ

127 Like 4:139 and 4:144, this verse forbids the believers from taking the disbelievers who were at war with Muslims as strategic allies.



قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ  
 وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٣١﴾  
 قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ ۚ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ  
 لَا يُحِبُّ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ آدَمَ وَ  
 نُوحًا وَآلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَآلَ عِمْرَانَ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾  
 ذُرِّيَّتَهُنَّ بَعْضُهَا مِنْ بَعْضٍ ۗ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٤﴾  
 إِذْ قَالَتِ امْرَأَتُ عِمْرَانَ رَبِّ إِنِّي نَذَرْتُ لَكَ  
 مَا فِي بَطْنِي مُحَرَّرًا فَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي ۚ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ  
 السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٣٥﴾ فَلَمَّا وَضَعَتْهَا قَالَتْ رَبِّ  
 إِنِّي وَضَعْتُهَا أُنْثَىٰ ۗ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا وَضَعْتَ وَلَئِنْ  
 الذَّكَرَ كَأَلْأُنْثَىٰ ۚ وَإِنِّي سَمَّيْتُهَا مَرْيَمَ وَإِنِّي  
 أُعِذُّهَا بِكَ وَذُرِّيَّتَهَا مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٣٦﴾  
 فَتَقَبَّلَهَا رَبُّهَا بِقَبُولٍ حَسَنٍ ۖ وَأَنْبَتَهَا نَبَاتًا

حَسَنًا

مَرْيَمَ

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### Obeying Allah and His Messenger

31. Say, "O Prophet," "If you 'sincerely' love Allah, then follow me; Allah will love you and forgive your sins. For Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful." 32. Say, "Obey Allah and His Messenger." If they still turn away, then truly Allah does not like the disbelievers.

### Blessed People

33. Indeed, Allah chose Adam, Noah, the family of Abraham, and the family of 'Imrân above all people 'of their time'. 34. They are descendants of one another. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

### Birth of Mary

35. 'Remember' when the wife of 'Imrân said, "My Lord! I dedicate what is in my womb entirely to Your service,<sup>128</sup> so accept it from me. You 'alone' are truly the All-Hearing, All-Knowing." 36. When she delivered, she said, "My Lord! I have given birth to a girl,"—and Allah fully knew what she had delivered—"and the male is not like the female."<sup>129</sup> I have named her Mary, and I seek Your protection for her and her offspring from Satan, the accursed."<sup>130</sup> 37. So her Lord accepted her graciously and blessed her with a pleasant upbringing—

128 i.e., dedicating the child to service in the temple.

129 Service at the temple was hosted by males only.

130 The prayers of Mary's mother were answered. In a *hadith* collected by Bukhârî and Muslim, the Prophet (ﷺ) says, "Every child is touched by Satan when they are born—and they cry because of this contact—except Jesus and his mother."

entrusting her to the care of Zachariah. Whenever Zachariah visited her in the sanctuary, he found her supplied with provisions. He exclaimed, "O Mary! Where did this come from?" She replied, "It is from Allah. Surely Allah provides for whoever He wills without limit."

#### Birth of John the Baptist

38. Then and there Zachariah prayed to his Lord, saying, "My Lord! Grant me—by your grace—righteous offspring. You are certainly the Hearer of 'all' prayers." 39. So the angels called out to him while he stood praying in the sanctuary, "Allah gives you good news of 'the birth of' John who will confirm the Word of Allah and will be a great leader, chaste, and a prophet among the righteous." 40. Zachariah exclaimed, "My Lord! How can I have a son when I am very old and my wife is barren?" He replied, "So will it be. Allah does what He wills." 41. Zachariah said, "My Lord! Grant me a sign." He said, "Your sign is that you will not 'be able to' speak to people for three days except through gestures."

حَسَنًا ۖ وَكَفَّلَهَا زَكَرِيَّا ۚ كُلَّمَا دَخَلَ عَلَيْهَا زَكَرِيَّا  
الْبُحْرَابَ ۖ وَجَدَ عِنْدَهَا رِزْقًا ۚ قَالَ يَمْرُؤُا أَنَّى  
لَكَ هَٰذَا ۖ قَالَتْ هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْزُقُ  
مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ۝ (٣٨) هُنَالِكَ دَعَا زَكَرِيَّا  
رَبَّهُ ۖ قَالَ رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ ذُرِّيَّةً  
طَيِّبَةً ۖ إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ ۝ (٣٩) فَنَادَتْهُ الْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ  
وَهُوَ قَائِمٌ يُصَلِّي فِي الْبُحْرَابِ ۖ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُبَشِّرُكَ  
بِيَحْيٰى مُصَدِّقًا لِّكَلِمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَسَيِّدًا وَحَصُورًا  
وَنَبِيًّا مِّنَ الصَّٰلِحِيْنَ ۝ (٤٠) قَالَ رَبِّ أَنَّى يَكُونُ  
لِي غُلَامٌ وَقَدْ بَلَغَنِيَ الْكِبَرُ وَامْرَأَتِي عَاقِرٌ ۖ  
قَالَ كَذٰلِكَ اللَّهُ يَفْعَلُ مَا يَشَاءُ ۝ (٤١) قَالَ رَبِّ  
اجْعَلْ لِّيٓ آيَةً ۖ قَالَ آيَتُكَ أَلَّا تُكَلِّمَ النَّاسَ  
ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ إِلَّا رَمْرًا ۖ وَادْكُرْ رَبَّكَ كَثِيرًا وَ

Remember your Lord often and glorify 'Him' morning and evening."

### Mary Chosen over All Women

42. And 'remember' when the angels said, "O Mary! Surely Allah has selected you, purified you, and chosen you over all women of the world. 43. O Mary! Be devout to your Lord, prostrate yourself 'in prayer' and bow along with those who bow down." 44. This is news of the unseen that We reveal to you 'O Prophet'. You were not with them when they cast lots to decide who would be Mary's guardian, nor were you there when they argued 'about it'.

### Birth of Jesus Christ

45. 'Remember' when the angels proclaimed, "O Mary! Allah gives you good news of a Word<sup>131</sup> from Him, his name will be the Messiah,<sup>132</sup> Jesus, son of Mary; honoured in this world and the Hereafter, and he will be one of those nearest 'to Allah'. 46. And he will speak to people in 'his' infancy and adulthood and will be one of the righteous." 47. Mary wondered, "My Lord! How can I have a child when no man has ever touched me?" An angel replied, "So will it be. Allah creates what He wills.

سَبِّحْ بِالْعَشِيِّ وَالْإِبْكَارِ ۖ وَإِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلَكَةُ  
يَمْرُئِمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاكِ وَطَهَّرَكِ وَاصْطَفَاكِ  
عَلَى نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ ۝ يَمْرُئِمُ اقْنِطِي بِرَبِّكِ  
وَاسْجُدِي وَارْكَعِي مَعَ الرَّاكِعِينَ ۝ ذَلِكَ مِنْ  
أَنْبَاءِ الْغَيْبِ نُوحِيهِ إِلَيْكَ ۖ وَمَا كُنْتَ لَدَيْهِمْ  
إِذْ يُلْقُونَ أَقْلَامَهُمْ أَيُّهُمْ يَكْفُلُ مَرْيَمَ ۖ وَمَا  
كُنْتَ لَدَيْهِمْ إِذْ يَخْتَصِمُونَ ۝ إِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلَكَةُ  
يَمْرُئِمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْشُرُكِ بِكَلِمَةٍ مِنْهُ ط ه ق  
أَسْمُهُ الْمَسِيحُ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَجِيهًا فِي  
الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَ مِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ ۝ وَيَكَلِّمُ  
النَّاسَ فِي الْمَهْدِ وَكَهْلًا وَ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ۝  
قَالَتْ رَبِّ أَنَّى يَكُونُ لِي وَلَدٌ وَلَمْ يَمَسِّنِي بَشَرٌ  
قَالَ كَذَلِكَ اللَّهُ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ ۖ وَإِذَا قَضَىٰ

131 In the Quran, Jesus is called the "Word" of Allah since he was created with the word "Bel"

132 Messiah (*Masīh*) means the "anointed one." It is used in the Quran exclusively as a title for Jesus Christ.

When He decrees a matter, He simply tells it, 'Be!' And it is!

#### *The Mission and Miracles of Jesus*

48. And Allah will teach him writing and wisdom, the Torah and the Gospel, 49. and 'make him' a messenger to the Children of Israel 'to proclaim,' "I have come to you with a sign from your Lord: I will make for you a bird from clay, breathe into it, and it will become a 'real' bird—by Allah's Will. I will heal the blind and the leper and raise the dead to life—by Allah's Will. And I will prophesize what you eat and store in your houses. Surely in this is a sign for you if you 'truly' believe. 50. And I will confirm the Torah revealed before me and legalize some of what had been forbidden to you. I have come to you with a sign from your Lord, so be mindful of Allah and obey me. 51. Surely Allah is my Lord and your Lord. So worship Him 'alone'. This is the Straight Path."

#### *The Disciples*

52. When Jesus sensed disbelief from his people, he asked,

أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿٤٨﴾ وَيُعَلِّمُهُ  
الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَالتَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ ﴿٤٩﴾ وَرَسُولًا  
إِلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ ۚ أَنِّي قَدْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِآيَةٍ  
مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ ۚ أَنِّي أَخْلُقُ لَكُمْ مِّنَ الطِّينِ كَهَيْئَةِ  
الطَّيْرِ فَانْفُخْ فِيهِ فَيَكُونُ طَيْرًا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَأُبْرِئُ  
الْأَكْمَهَ وَالْأَبْرَصَ وَأُحْيِي الْمَوْتَىٰ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ  
وَأُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا تَأْكُلُونَ وَمَا تَدْخِرُونَ ۚ فِي  
بُيُوتِكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَةً لَّكُمْ إِن كُنتُمْ  
مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾ وَمُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ  
التَّوْرَةِ وَلِإِحْلَالِ لَكُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ  
وَجِئْتُكُمْ بِآيَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَ  
اطِيعُوا ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ ۚ  
هَٰذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿٥١﴾ فَلَمَّا أَحَسَّ عِيسَىٰ مِنْهُمُ

الْكُفْرَ قَالَ مَنْ أَنْصَارِي إِلَى اللَّهِ ۖ قَالَ الْخَوَارِيُّونَ  
نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ ۖ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَأَشْهَدُ بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾  
رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا بِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ وَاتَّبَعْنَا الرَّسُولَ فَاكْتُبْنَا  
مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَمَكْرُؤًا لِمَكَرِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ  
الْمُكْرِمِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾ إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ لِيُحْيِيَنِي إِيَّيْ مُتَوَفِّيكَ  
وَرَافِعُكَ إِلَيَّ وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ ۖ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ مَرْجِعِكُمْ فَأَحْكُمُ  
بَيْنَكُمْ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾ فَاَمَّا  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَاعَذِّبْهُمْ عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا فِي  
الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِنْ نَاصِرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَآمَّا  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَيُوَفِّيهِمْ أُجُورَهُمْ  
وَاللَّهُ لَا يَجِبُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٦١﴾ ذَٰلِكَ نَتْلُوهُ عَلَيْكَ

“Who will stand up with me for Allah?” The disciples replied, “We will stand up for Allah. We believe in Allah, so bear witness that we have submitted.” 53. ‘They prayed to Allah,’ “Our Lord! We believe in Your revelations and follow the messenger, so count us among those who bear witness.”

#### Conspiracy Against Jesus

54. And the disbelievers made a plan ‘against Jesus’, but Allah also planned—and Allah is the best of planners. 55. ‘Remember’ when Allah said, “O Jesus! I will take you<sup>133</sup> and raise you up to Myself. I will deliver you from those who disbelieve, and elevate your followers above the disbelievers until the Day of Judgment. Then to Me you will ‘all’ return, and I will settle all your disputes.

#### Fair Reward

56. “As for those who disbelieve, I will subject them to a severe punishment in this life and the Hereafter, and they will have no helpers. 57. And as for those who believe and do good, they will be rewarded in full. And Allah does not like the wrongdoers.” 58. We recite ‘all’

133 ‘Mutawaffika’ means literally: ‘I will make you reach the end of your worldly term.’ The popular Muslim belief is that a conspiracy was made to kill Jesus. Allah made the main culprit who betrayed Jesus look exactly like Jesus, while the culprit was crucified. Similar to Christians, Muslims believe in the second coming of Jesus (ع).

this to you 'O Prophet' as one of the signs<sup>134</sup> and 'as' a wise reminder.

#### Jesus and Adam

59. Indeed, the example of Jesus in the sight of Allah is like that of Adam. He created him from dust, then said to him, "Be!" And he was! 60. This is the truth from your Lord, so do not be one of those who doubt.

#### Disputes over Jesus

61. Now, whoever disputes with you 'O Prophet' concerning Jesus after full knowledge has come to you, say, "Come! Let us gather our children and your children, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves—then let us sincerely invoke Allah's curse upon the liars." 62. Certainly, this is the true narrative, and there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Allah. And indeed, Allah 'alone' is the Almighty, All-Wise. 63. If they turn away, then surely Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of the corruptors.

#### Devotion to Allah Alone

64. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O People of the Book! Let us come to common terms: that we will worship none but Allah, associate none with Him, nor take one another as lords instead of Allah."

مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿٥٩﴾ إِنَّ مَثَلَ عِيسَى  
عِنْدَ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ آدَمَ خَلَقَهُ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ قَالَ  
لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿٦٠﴾ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُنْ مِّنَ  
الْمُتَرَدِّينَ ﴿٦١﴾ فَمَنْ حَاجَّكَ فِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَكَ  
مِنَ الْعِلْمِ فَقُلْ تَعَالَوْا نَدْعُ أَبْنَاءَنَا وَابْنَاءَكُمْ  
وَنِسَاءَنَا وَنِسَاءَكُمْ وَأَنْفُسَنَا وَأَنْفُسَكُمْ ثُمَّ  
نَبْتَهِلْ فَنَجْعَلُ لَعْنَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿٦٢﴾  
إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْقَصَصُ الْحَقُّ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا  
اللَّهُ ۖ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٦٣﴾ فَإِنْ  
تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِالْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٦٤﴾ قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ  
الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ  
أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ  
بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا

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فَقُولُوا أَشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ  
 لِمَ تَحَاجُّونَ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَتِ التَّوْرَةُ  
 وَالْإِنْجِيلُ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ ۚ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾ هَآأَنْتُمْ  
 هَؤُلَاءِ حَاجِّجْتُمْ فِيمَا لَكُمْ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلِمَ  
 تُحَاجُّونَ فِيمَا لَيْسَ لَكُمْ بِهِ عِلْمٌ ۚ وَٱللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ  
 وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾ مَا كَانَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ يَهُودِيًّا  
 وَلَا نَصْرَانِيًّا وَلَٰكِنْ كَانَ حَنِيفًا مُّسْلِمًا ۚ وَمَا  
 كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٦٦﴾ إِنَّ أَوَّلَى النَّاسِ بِإِبْرَاهِيمَ  
 لَلَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُ وَهَٰذَا النَّبِيُّ وَٱلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ۚ  
 وَٱللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٦٧﴾ وَذَتْ طَآئِفَةٌ مِّنْ  
 أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَوِ يُضِلُّوكُمْ ۚ وَمَا يُضِلُّونَ إِلَّا  
 أَنفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لِمَ  
 تَكْفُرُونَ بِآيَاتِ ٱللَّهِ وَأَنْتُمْ تَشْهَدُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾ يَا أَهْلَ

But if they turn away, then say, "Bear witness that we have submitted 'to Allah alone'."

### The Truth About Abraham

65. O People of the Book! Why do you argue about Abraham, while the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed until long after him? Do you not understand? 66. Here you are! You disputed about what you have 'little' knowledge of,<sup>135</sup> but why do you now argue about what you have no knowledge of?<sup>136</sup> Allah knows and you do not know. 67. Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian; he submitted in all uprightness<sup>137</sup> and was not a polytheist. 68. Indeed, those who have the best claim to Abraham are his followers, this Prophet,<sup>138</sup> and the believers. And Allah is the Guardian of those who believe.

### Distorting the Truth

69. Some of the People of the Book wish to mislead you 'believers'. They mislead none but themselves, yet they fail to perceive it. 70. O People of the Book! Why do you reject the signs of Allah while you bear witness 'to their truth'? 71. O People of the Book!

135 The perception of Jesus (عيسى).

136 Abraham (إبراهيم) being Jewish or Christian.

137 Linguistically, "Muslim" means "someone who has submitted themselves to Allah."

138 Muhammad (محمد).

Why do you mix the truth with falsehood and hide the truth knowingly?

### Deception Exposed

72. A group among the People of the Book said "to one another", "Believe in what has been revealed to the believers in the morning and reject it in the evening, so they may abandon their faith. 73. And only believe those who follow your religion." Say, "O Prophet," "Surely, 'the only' true guidance is Allah's guidance." They also said, "Do not believe that someone will receive 'revealed' knowledge similar to yours or argue against you before your Lord." Say, "O Prophet," "Indeed, all bounty is in the Hands of Allah—He grants it to whoever He wills. And Allah is Ever-Bountiful, All-Knowing." 74. He chooses whoever He wills to receive His mercy. And Allah is the Lord of infinite bounty.

### Honouring Trusts

75. There are some among the People of the Book who, if entrusted with a stack of gold, will readily return it. Yet there are others who, if entrusted with a single coin, will not repay it unless you constantly demand it. This is because they say, "We are not accountable for 'exploiting' the Gentiles."<sup>139</sup> And "so" they attribute lies

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الْكِتَابِ لِمَ تَلْبِسُونَ الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْتُمُونَ  
الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾ وَقَالَتْ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْ أَهْلِ  
الْكِتَابِ آمِنُوا بِالَّذِي أُنْزِلَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَجْهَ  
النَّهَارِ وَانْكُفِرُوا آخِرَهُ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَلَا  
تُؤْمِنُوا إِلَّا لِمَنْ تَبِعَ دِينَكُمْ قُلْ إِنَّ الْهُدَى هُدَى  
اللَّهِ أَنْ يُؤْتَى أَحَدٌ مِّثْلَ مَا أُوتِيتُمْ أَوْ يُحَاجُّوكُمْ  
عِنْدَ رَبِّكُمْ قُلْ إِنَّ الْفَضْلَ بِيَدِ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ  
يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٤٣﴾ يَخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَنْ  
يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَمِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ  
مَنْ إِنْ تَأْمَنَهُ بِقِنْطَارٍ يُؤَدِّهِ إِلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ  
إِنْ تَأْمَنَهُ بدينارٍ لَا يُؤَدِّهِ إِلَيْكَ إِلَّا مَا دُمْتَ  
عَلَيْهِ قَائِمًا ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لَيْسَ عَلَيْنَا فِي  
الْأُمَمِينَ سَبِيلٌ وَيَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ وَهُمْ

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139 "Gentiles" here refers to the pagans of Arabia.



يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾ بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَوْفَىٰ بِعَهْدِهِ وَاتَّقَىٰ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ  
يُحِبُّ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَشْتَرُونَ بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ  
وَأَيْمَانِهِمْ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا أُولَٰئِكَ لَا خَلَاقَ لَهُمْ فِي  
الْآخِرَةِ وَلَا يُكَلِّمُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَلَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَيْهِمْ يَوْمَ  
الْقِيَامَةِ وَلَا يُزَكِّيهِمْ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَإِنَّ  
مِنْهُمْ لَفَرِيقًا يَلُونِ السِّنَّةَ الَّتِي بَالِغَتْ لِحَسْبُوهُ  
مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمَا هُمْ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَقُولُونَ هُوَ مِنْ  
عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَمَا هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَيَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ  
الْكُذِبَ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ مَا كَانَ لِبَشَرٍ أَنْ يُؤْتِيَهُ  
اللَّهُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحُكْمَ وَالنُّبُوَّةَ ثُمَّ يَقُولَ لِلنَّاسِ  
كُونُوا عِبَادًا لِّيْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنْ كُونُوا رَبَّيْنَ  
بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ الْكِتَابَ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَدْرُسُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾  
وَلَا يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تَتَّخِذُوا الْمَلَائِكَةَ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ أَرْبَابًا ۚ

to Allah knowingly. 76. Absolutely! Those who honour their trusts and shun evil—surely Allah loves those who are mindful ‘of Him’.

#### Breaking Allah's Covenant

77. Indeed, those who trade Allah's covenant and their oaths for a fleeting gain will have no share in the Hereafter. Allah will neither speak to them, nor look at them, nor purify them on the Day of Judgment. And they will suffer a painful punishment.

#### Distorting the Scripture

78. There are some among them who distort the Book with their tongues to make you think this ‘distortion’ is from the Book—but it is not what the Book says. They say, “It is from Allah”—but it is not from Allah. And ‘so’ they attribute lies to Allah knowingly.

#### Prophets Never Claim Divinity

79. It is not appropriate for someone who Allah has blessed with the Scripture, wisdom, and prophethood to say to people, “Worship me instead of Allah.” Rather, he would say, “Be devoted to the worship of your Lord ‘alone’”—in accordance with what these prophets read in the Scripture and what they taught. 80. And he would never ask you to take angels and prophets as lords.

Would he ask you to disbelieve after you have submitted?

### Allah's Covenant with Prophets

81. 'Remember' when Allah made a covenant with the prophets, 'saying,' 'Now that you have been given the Book and wisdom, if there comes to you a messenger<sup>140</sup> confirming what you have, you must believe in him and support him.' He added, 'Do you affirm this covenant and accept this commitment?' They said, 'Yes, we do.' Allah said, 'Then bear witness, and I too am a Witness.' 82. Whoever turns back after this, they will be the rebellious.

### Full Submission

83. Do they desire a way other than Allah's—knowing that all those in the heavens and the earth submit to His Will, willingly or unwillingly, and to Him they will 'all' be returned?

### Prophets of Islam

84. Say, 'O Prophet,' 'We believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and his descendants; and what was given to Moses, Jesus, and other prophets from their Lord—we make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we 'fully' submit.'

أَيَا مَرْكُم بِالْكَفْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ أَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٨١﴾ وَإِذْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيثَاقَ النَّبِيِّينَ لَمَا آتَيْتُكُمْ مِنْ كِتَابٍ وَحِكْمَةٍ ثُمَّ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مُصَدِّقٌ لِمَا مَعَكُمْ لَتُؤْمِنُنَّ بِهِ وَلَتَنْصُرُنَّهُ ۖ قَالَ أَأَقْرَرْتُمْ وَأَخَذْتُمْ عَلَىٰ ذَلِكُمْ إِصْرِي ۖ قَالُوا أَقْرَرْنَا ۖ قَالَ فَاشْهَدُوا ۚ وَأَنَا مَعَكُمْ مِنَ الشَّاهِدِينَ ﴿٨٢﴾ فَمَنْ تَوَلَّىٰ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾ أَفَغَيَّرَ دِينَ اللَّهِ يَبْغُونَ وَلَهُ أَسْلَمَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ طَوْعًا وَكَرْهًا وَإِلَيْهِ يُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾ قُلْ أَمَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ عَلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنْزِلَ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَالتَّابِيُّونَ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾ وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ

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غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ ۚ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ  
 مِنَ الْخَسِرِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾ كَيْفَ يَهْدِي اللَّهُ قَوْمًا كَفَرُوا  
 بَعْدَ إِيْمَانِهِمْ وَشَهِدُوا أَنَّ الرَّسُولَ حَقٌّ وَجَاءَهُمُ  
 الْبَيِّنَاتُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ  
 جَزَاؤُهُمْ أَنَّ عَلَيْهِمْ لَعْنَةَ اللَّهِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ  
 وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا لَا يُخَفَّفُ عَنْهُمْ  
 الْعَذَابُ وَلَا هُمْ يُنظَرُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ تَابُوا مِنْ  
 بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ وَأَصْلَحُوا ۗ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٨٩﴾ إِنَّ  
 الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بَعْدَ إِيْمَانِهِمْ ثُمَّ أَزْدَادُوا كُفْرًا لَّنْ  
 تُقْبَلَ تَوْبَتُهُمْ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الضَّالُّونَ ﴿٩٠﴾ إِنَّ  
 الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَمَاتُوا وَهُمْ كُفَّارٌ فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْ  
 أَحَدِهِمْ مِلْءُ الْأَرْضِ ذَهَبًا وَلَوِ افْتَدَىٰ بِهِ ۗ  
 أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۖ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِّنْ نَّاصِرِينَ ﴿٩١﴾

لَنْ تَنَالُوا

مِثْلَ

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## The Only Way

85. Whoever seeks a way other than Islam,<sup>141</sup> it will never be accepted from them, and in the Hereafter they will be among the losers.

## Deviating from the Right Path

86. How will Allah guide a people who chose to disbelieve after they had believed, acknowledged the Messenger to be true, and received clear proofs? For Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people. 87. Their reward is that they will be condemned by Allah, the angels, and all of humanity. 88. They will be in Hell forever. Their punishment will not be lightened, nor will they be delayed 'from it'. 89. As for those who repent afterwards and mend their ways, then surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

## Dying in a State of Disbelief

90. Indeed, those who disbelieve after having believed then increase in disbelief, their repentance will never be accepted.<sup>142</sup> It is they who are astray. 91. Indeed, if each of those who disbelieve then die as disbelievers were to offer a ransom of enough gold to fill the whole world, it would never be accepted from them. It is they who will suffer a painful punishment, and they will have no helpers.

141 i.e., full submission to the Will of Allah.

142 Their repentance will not be accepted if they die as disbelievers.

92. You will never achieve righteousness until you donate some of what you cherish. And whatever you give is certainly well known to Allah.

*Jacob's Dietary Restriction*

93. All food was lawful for the children of Israel, except what Israel<sup>143</sup> made unlawful for himself before the Torah was revealed.<sup>144</sup> Say, 'O Prophet,' "Bring the Torah and read it, if your claims are true." 94. Then whoever still fabricates lies about Allah, they will be the 'true' wrongdoers. 95. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Allah has declared the truth. So follow the Way of Abraham, the upright—who was not a polytheist."

*Pilgrimage to the Sacred House in Mecca*

96. Surely the first House 'of worship' established for humanity is the one at Bakkah—a blessed sanctuary and a guide for 'all' people. 97. In it are clear signs and the standing-place of Abraham. Whoever enters it should be safe. Pilgrimage to this House is an obligation by Allah upon whoever is able among the people.<sup>145</sup> And whoever disbelieves, then surely Allah is not in need of 'any of His' creation.

الْحَقُّ وَالْكَافِرُ

وَقَدْ جَاءَ فِي الْكِتَابِ

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ ۚ وَمَا  
تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ ۙ كُلُّ  
الطَّعَامِ كَانَ حَلَالًا لِّبَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ إِلَّا مَا حَرَّمَ  
إِسْرَءِيلُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ تُنَزَّلَ التَّوْرَةُ ۚ  
قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِالتَّوْرَةِ فَاتْلُوهَا إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ۙ  
فَمَنْ افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ مِنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ  
فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ۙ قُلْ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ فَاتَّبِعُوا  
مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا ۚ وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ۙ  
إِنَّ أَوَّلَ بَيْتٍ وُضِعَ لِلنَّاسِ لَلَّذِي بِبَكَّةَ  
مُبْرَكًا وَهُدًى لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ۙ فِيهِ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ  
مَّقَامُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ۚ وَمَنْ دَخَلَهُ كَانَ آمِنًا ۚ وَلِلَّهِ  
عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا ۚ  
وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ ۙ

143 Jacob (ع).

144 When Jacob fell sick, he made camel meat unlawful for himself, but not for the rest of his people.

145 Pilgrimage is obligatory on every Muslim at least once in their lifetime if the person is physically and financially able.

## Rejecting the Truth

98. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O People of the Book! Why do you deny the revelations of Allah, when Allah is a Witness to what you do?" 99. Say, "O People of the Book! Why do you turn the believers away from the Way of Allah—striving to make it 'appear' crooked, while you are witnesses 'to its truth'? And Allah is never unaware of what you do."

## Warning Against Evil Influence

100. O believers! If you were to yield to a group of those who were given the Scripture, they would turn you back from belief to disbelief. 101. How can you disbelieve when Allah's revelations are recited to you and His Messenger is in your midst? Whoever holds firmly to Allah is surely guided to the Straight Path.

## Warning Against Disunity

102. O believers! Be mindful of Allah in the way He deserves,<sup>146</sup> and do not die except in 'a state of full' submission 'to Him'.<sup>147</sup> 103. And hold firmly to the rope of Allah<sup>148</sup> and do not be divided. Remember Allah's favour upon you when you were enemies, then He united your hearts, so you—by His grace—became brothers.

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لِمَ تَكْفُرُونَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ ۖ  
وَاللَّهُ شَهِيدٌ عَلَىٰ مَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٨﴾ قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ  
لِمَ تَصُدُّونَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ مَنۢ مِّنۡ أَمَنۡ تَبْغُوهَا  
عُوجًا ۖ وَ أَنْتُمْ شُهَدَاءُ ۚ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا  
تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَطِيعُوا  
فَرِيقًا مِّنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ يَرُدُّوكُم  
بَعْدَ إِيمَانِكُمْ كُفْرِينَ ﴿١٠٠﴾ وَكَيْفَ تَكْفُرُونَ وَأَنْتُمْ  
تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْكُم آيَاتُ اللَّهِ وَفِيكُمْ رَسُولُهُ ۚ وَمَن  
يَعْتَصِم بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ هُدِيَ إِلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُّسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١٠١﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا  
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَ أَنْتُمْ مُّسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾ وَاعْتَصِمُوا  
بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا ۚ وَادْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ  
اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ

146 Meaning, always be conscious of Him; obedient and grateful to Him.

147 lit., except as Muslims.

148 i.e., Allah's covenant.

And you were at the brink of a fiery pit and He saved you from it. This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to you, so that you may be 'rightly' guided. 104. Let there be a group among you who call 'others' to goodness, encourage what is good, and forbid what is evil—it is they who will be successful. 105. And do not be like those who split 'into sects' and differed after clear proofs had come to them. It is they who will suffer a tremendous punishment.

*The Joyful and the Miserable*

106. On that Day some faces will be bright while others gloomy. To the gloomy-faced it will be said, "Did you disbelieve after having believed? So taste the punishment for your disbelief." 107. As for the bright-faced, they will be in Allah's mercy, where they will remain forever. 108. These are Allah's revelations We recite to you 'O Prophet' in truth. And Allah desires no injustice to 'His' creation.

فَاصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا ۖ وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ  
مِّنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُم مِّنْهَا ۚ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ  
آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾ وَلَتَكُن مِّنكُمْ أُمَّةٌ  
يَّدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ  
عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠٥﴾ وَلَا تَكُونُوا  
كَالَّذِينَ تَفَرَّقُوا وَاخْتَلَفُوا مِنۢ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ  
الْبَيِّنَاتُ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٠٦﴾ يَوْمَ  
تَبْيَضُّ وُجُوهٌ وَتَسْوَدُّ وُجُوهٌ ۚ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ  
اسْوَدَّتْ وُجُوهُهُمْ أَكْفَرْتُمْ بَعْدَ آيَانِكُمْ  
فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿١٠٧﴾ وَأَمَّا  
الَّذِينَ ابْيَضَّتْ وُجُوهُهُمْ فَبِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۚ  
هُم فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿١٠٨﴾ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ اللَّهِ نَتْلُوهَا  
عَلَيْكَ بِالْحَقِّ ۚ وَمَا اللَّهُ يُرِيدُ ظُلْمًا لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٩﴾

وَاللَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَإِلَى  
 اللَّهُ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ ﴿١٠٩﴾ كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ  
 لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ  
 وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ ۖ وَلَوْ آمَنَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ لَكَانَ  
 خَيْرًا لَهُمْ ۖ مِنْهُمْ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿١١٠﴾  
 لَنْ يَضُرُّوكُمْ إِلَّا أَذًى ۖ وَإِنْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ يُؤْلَوْكُمْ  
 الْأَدْبَارَ ثُمَّ لَا يَنْصُرُونَ ﴿١١١﴾ ضَرَبْتَ عَلَيْهِمُ الدِّلَّةَ  
 أَيْنَ مَا تَقِفُوا إِلَّا بِحَبْلٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَحَبْلِ  
 مِّنَ النَّاسِ وَبَاءٌ وَبِغَضِبِ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَضَرَبْتَ  
 عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَسْكَنَةَ ۖ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ  
 بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَيَقْتُلُونَ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ ۖ ذَلِكَ  
 بِمَا عَصَوْا وَكَانُوا يَعْتَدُونَ ﴿١١٢﴾ لَيْسُوا سَوَاءً ۚ مِنْ  
 أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ أُمَّةٌ قَائِمَةٌ يَتْلُونَ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ آنَاءَ

109. To Allah 'alone' belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And to Allah 'all' matters will be returned 'for judgment'.

#### *Excellence of the Muslim Nation*

110. You are the best community ever raised for humanity—you encourage good, forbid evil, and believe in Allah. Had the People of the Book believed, it would have been better for them. Some of them are faithful, but most are rebellious.

#### *Reward of the Rebellious*

111. They can never inflict harm on you, except a little annoyance.<sup>149</sup> But if they meet you in battle, they will flee and they will have no helpers.  
 112. They will be stricken with disgrace wherever they go, unless they are protected by a covenant with Allah or a treaty with the people. They have invited the displeasure of Allah and have been branded with misery for rejecting Allah's revelations and murdering 'His' prophets unjustly. This is 'a fair reward' for their disobedience and violations.

#### *Upright People of the Book*

113. Yet they are not all alike: there are some among the People of the Book who are upright, who recite Allah's revelations throughout the night,

prostrating 'in prayer'. 114. They believe in Allah and the Last Day, encourage good and forbid evil, and race with one another in doing good. They are 'truly' among the righteous. 115. They will never be denied the reward for any good they have done. And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of those mindful 'of Him'.

#### Warning Against Hypocrites

116. Indeed, neither the wealth nor children of the disbelievers will be of any benefit to them against Allah. It is they who will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever. 117. The good they do in this worldly life is like the harvest of an evil people struck by a bitter wind, destroying it 'completely'. Allah never wronged them, but they wronged themselves.

#### Association with Hypocrites

118. O believers! Do not associate closely with others who would not miss a chance to harm you. Their only desire is to see you suffer. Their prejudice has become evident from what they say—and what they hide in their hearts is far worse.

الَّيْلِ وَهُمْ يَسْجُدُونَ ﴿١١٣﴾ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ  
الْآخِرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ  
الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَأُولَٰئِكَ مِنَ  
الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١١٤﴾ وَمَا يَفْعَلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَلَنْ يُكْفَرُوهُ  
وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١١٥﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَنْ  
تُغْنِيَ عَنْهُمْ أَمْوَالُهُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ  
شَيْئًا وَأُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿١١٦﴾  
مَثَلُ مَا يُنْفِقُونَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا  
كَمَثَلِ رِيحٍ فِيهَا صِرٌّ أَصَابَتْ حَرْثَ قَوْمٍ ظَلَمُوا  
أَنْفُسَهُمْ فَأَهْلَكَتْهُ ۖ وَمَا ظَلَمَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَلَكِنْ  
أَنْفُسُهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿١١٧﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا  
بِطَانَةِ مَنْ دُونَكُمْ لَا يَأْلُونَكُمْ خَبَالًا وَلَا دُورًا  
مَا عِنْتُمْ ۚ قَدْ بَدَتِ الْبَغْضَاءُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ ۚ



We have made Our revelations clear to you, if only you understood. 119. Here you are! You love them but they do not love you, and you believe in all Scriptures. When they meet you they say, "We believe." But when alone, they bite their fingertips in rage. Say, 'O Prophet,' "May you die of your rage!" Surely Allah knows best what is 'hidden' in the heart. 120. When you 'believers' are touched with good, they grieve; but when you are afflicted with evil, they rejoice. 'Yet,' if you are patient and mindful 'of Allah', their schemes will not harm you in the least. Surely Allah is Fully Aware of what they do.

#### The Battle of Uhud<sup>150</sup>

121. 'Remember, O Prophet,' when you left your home in the early morning to position the believers in the battlefield. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 122. 'Remember' when two groups among you 'believers' were about to cower, then Allah reassured them. So in Allah let the believers put their trust.

#### The Battle of Badr

123. Indeed, Allah made you victorious at Badr when you were 'vastly' outnumbered.

وَمَا تُخَفِي صُدُورُهُمْ أَكْبَرُ قَدْ بَيَّنَّا لَكُمُ  
الْآيَاتِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١١٩﴾ هَآأَنْتُمْ أُولَآئِ  
تُحِبُّونَهُمْ وَلَا يُحِبُّونَكُمْ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْكِتَآبِ  
كُلِّهِ ؕ وَإِذَا لَقُوكُمْ قَالُوا آمَنَّا ؕ وَإِذَا خَلَوْا عَصَوْا  
عَلَيْكُمْ الْآنَامِلَ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ ؕ قُلْ مُوتُوا بِغَيْظِكُمْ ؕ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿١٢٠﴾ إِنْ تَسْسِكُم  
حَسَنَةٌ تَسُؤْهُمْ زَوَاكِنُ تَصِبْكُمْ سَيِّئَةً يَفْرَحُوا  
بِهَا ؕ وَإِنْ تَصِيرُوا وَتَتَّقُوا لَا يَضُرَّكُمْ كَيْدُهُمْ  
شَيْئًا ؕ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطٌ ﴿١٢١﴾ وَإِذْ غَدَوْتَ  
مِنْ أَهْلِكَ تَبَوَّئِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَقَاعِدَ لِلْقِتَالِ ؕ  
وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٢٢﴾ إِذْ هَمَّتْ طَّآئِفَتٌ مِّنْكُمْ  
أَنْ تَفْشَلَا ؕ وَاللَّهُ وَلِيُّهُمَا ؕ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ  
الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٢٣﴾ وَلَقَدْ نَصَرَكُمُ اللَّهُ بِبَدْرٍ وَ

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150 Uhud is the name of the location where a battle took place in 3 A.H./625 C.E. between 750 Muslims and 3700 Meccans. This battle came only a year after the Meccan army was defeated at the Battle of Badr by the vastly outnumbered Muslim army. Initially, Muslims were winning the second battle. However, events took a different turn when the archers, who had been positioned by the Prophet on the mount of Uhud, left their strategic position in pursuit of spoils of war—allowing a surprise attack by the Meccan cavalry. Many Muslims were martyred and Prophet Muhammad himself was injured.

So be mindful of Allah, perhaps you will be grateful. 124. 'Remember, O Prophet,' when you said to the believers, "Is it not enough that your Lord will send down a reinforcement of three thousand angels for your aid?" 125. Most certainly, if you 'believers' are firm and mindful 'of Allah' and the enemy launches a sudden attack on you, Allah will reinforce you with five thousand angels designated 'for battle'. 126. Allah ordained this 'reinforcement' only as good news for you and reassurance for your hearts. And victory comes only from Allah—the Almighty, All-Wise— 127. to destroy a group of the disbelievers and humble the rest, causing them to withdraw in disappointment.

#### *Allah Is the Judge*

128. You 'O Prophet' have no say in the matter.<sup>151</sup> It is up to Allah to turn to them in mercy or punish them, for indeed they are wrongdoers. 129. To Allah 'alone' belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. He forgives whoever He wills, and punishes whoever He wills. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

لَنْ تَنَالُوا ۚ  
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إِلَّا عَمْرُنَ ۚ

أَنْتُمْ أَذِلَّةٌ ۚ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿١٢٤﴾  
إِذْ تَقُولُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَلَنْ يَكْفِيَكُمْ أَنْ يُبَدِّدَ  
رَبُّكُمْ بِثَلَاثَةِ آلْفٍ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مُنْزَلِينَ ﴿١٢٥﴾  
بَلَىٰ ۚ إِنْ تَصْبِرُوا وَتَتَّقُوا وَيَأْتُوكُمْ مِنْ فُورِهِمْ  
هَذَا يُبَدِّدْكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ بِخَمْسَةِ آلْفٍ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ  
مُتَّحِمِينَ ﴿١٢٦﴾ وَمَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بُشْرَىٰ لَكُمْ  
وَلِتَطْمَئِنَّ قُلُوبُكُمْ بِهِ ۚ وَمَا النَّصْرُ إِلَّا مِنْ  
عِنْدِ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿١٢٧﴾ لِيَقْطَعَ طَرَفًا مِنَ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَوْ يَكْبِتَهُمْ فَيَنْقَلِبُوا خَاسِرِينَ ﴿١٢٨﴾  
لَيْسَ لَكَ مِنَ الْأَمْرِ شَيْءٌ أَوْ يَتُوبَ عَلَيْهِمْ أَوْ  
يُعَذِّبَهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ ظَالِمُونَ ﴿١٢٩﴾ وَلِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ  
وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ يَغْفِرُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيُعَذِّبُ  
مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٣٠﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا

منزل ۱

151 When the Prophet (ﷺ) was injured at the Battle of Uhud, some of his companions suggested that he should pray against the pagans of Mecca. He responded, "I have not come to condemn people, but as a mercy to pray for their guidance." The verse here says that it is not up to the Prophet whether they believe or disbelieve. A prophet's only duty is to convey the message. Eventually, almost all Meccans accepted Islam before the death of the Prophet (ﷺ).

*Warning Against Interest*

130. O believers! Do not consume interest, multiplying it many times over. And be mindful of Allah, so you may prosper. 131. Guard yourselves against the Fire prepared for the disbelievers. 132. Obey Allah and the Messenger, so you may be shown mercy.

*Reward of the Righteous*

133. And hasten towards forgiveness from your Lord and a Paradise as vast as the heavens and the earth, prepared for those mindful of Allah. 134. "They are" those who donate in prosperity and adversity, control their anger, and pardon others. And Allah loves the good-doers. 135. "They are" those who, upon committing an evil deed or wronging themselves, remember Allah and seek forgiveness and do not knowingly persist in sin—and who forgives sins except Allah? 136. Their reward is forgiveness from their Lord and Gardens under which rivers flow, staying there forever.

أَمْنُوا لَا تَأْكُلُوا الرِّبَا أَضْعَافًا مُّضَاعَفَةً ۖ  
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٣٠﴾ وَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ  
الَّتِي أُعِدَّتْ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٣١﴾ وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ  
لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٣٢﴾ وَسَارِعُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّنْ  
رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمُوتُ وَالْأَرْضُ ۖ  
أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١٣٣﴾ الَّذِينَ يَنْفِقُونَ فِي السَّرَّاءِ  
وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَالْكُظُمِينَ الْغَيْظِ وَالْعَافِينَ  
عَنِ النَّاسِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٣٤﴾ وَالَّذِينَ  
إِذَا فَعَلُوا فَاحِشَةً أَوْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ ذَكَرُوا  
اللَّهَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا لِذُنُوبِهِمْ ۖ وَمَنْ يَغْفِرُ  
اللَّهُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ۚ وَلَمْ يُصِرُّوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلُوا  
وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣٥﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ جَزَاءُ هُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ  
مِّنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَجَنَّتْ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ

How excellent is the reward for those who work "righteousness"!

### *Battle Between Good and Evil*

137. Similar situations came to pass before you, so travel throughout the land and see the fate of the deniers.

138. This<sup>152</sup> is an insight to humanity—a guide and a lesson to the God-fearing.

### *Reassuring the Believers*

139. Do not falter or grieve, for you will have the upper hand, if you are "true" believers. 140. If you have suffered injuries "at Uhud", they suffered similarly "at Badr". We alternate these days "of victory and defeat" among people so that Allah may reveal the "true" believers, choose martyrs from among you—and Allah does not like the wrongdoers— 141. and distinguish the "true" believers and destroy the disbelievers.

### *Believers Tested*

142. Do you think you will enter Paradise without Allah proving which of you "truly" struggled "for His cause" and patiently endured? 143. You certainly wished "for the opportunity" for martyrdom before encountering it,

خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۖ وَنِعْمَ أَجْرُ الْعَمِلِينَ ۖ قَدْ  
خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ سُنَنٌ ۖ فَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُكْذِبِينَ ۖ هَذَا  
بَيَانٌ لِلنَّاسِ وَهُدًى وَنُورٌ ۖ وَلِلْمُتَّقِينَ ۖ  
وَلَا تَهِنُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا ۚ وَأَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
مُؤْمِنِينَ ۖ إِنْ يَمْسَسْكُمْ قَرْحٌ فَقَدْ مَسَّ الْقَوْمَ  
قَرْحٌ مِثْلُهُ ۚ وَتِلْكَ الْأَيَّامُ نُدَاوِلُهَا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ ۚ  
وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَيَتَّخِذَ مِنْكُمْ شُهَدَاءَ ۗ  
وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ ۖ وَلِيُمَحِّصَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا وَيُبَحِّقَ الْكُفْرِينَ ۖ أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تُدْخَلُوا  
الْجَنَّةَ وَلَمَّا يَعْلَمِ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا مِنْكُمْ  
وَيَعْلَمَ الصَّابِرِينَ ۖ وَلَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ تَمَنَّوْنَ الْمَوْتَ  
مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ تَلْقَوْهُ ۖ فَقَدْ رَأَيْتُمُوهُ وَأَنْتُمْ

تَنْظُرُونَ

منزل ١

152 "This" either refers to how the forces of evil are ultimately destroyed, or that the Quran is a reminder of the destruction of evildoers.

now you have seen it with your own eyes.

*Believers Disheartened<sup>153</sup>*

144. Muhammad is no more than a messenger; other messengers have gone before him. If he were to die or to be killed, would you regress into disbelief? Those who do so will not harm Allah whatsoever. And Allah will reward those who are grateful. 145. No soul can ever die without Allah's Will at the destined time. Those who desire worldly gain, We will let them have it, and those who desire heavenly reward, We will grant it to them. And We will reward those who are grateful.

*Reward of the Steadfast*

146. 'Imagine' how many devotees fought along with their prophets and never faltered despite whatever 'losses' they suffered in the cause of Allah, nor did they weaken or give in! Allah loves those who persevere. 147. And all they said was, "Our Lord! Forgive our sins and excesses, make our steps firm,

تَنْظُرُونَ ۖ وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ ۖ قَدْ خَلَتْ  
مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ ۖ أَفَإِنْ مَاتَ أَوْ قُتِلَ انْقَلَبْتُمْ  
عَلَى أَعْقَابِكُمْ ۚ وَمَنْ يَنْقَلِبْ عَلَى عَقْبَيْهِ فَلَنْ  
يُضُرَّ اللَّهَ شَيْئًا ۚ وَسَيَجْزِي اللَّهُ الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿١٤٤﴾  
وَمَا كَانَ لِنَفْسٍ أَنْ تَمُوتَ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۖ كَتَبْنَا  
مُؤَجَّلًا ۚ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ ثَوَابَ الدُّنْيَا نُؤْتِهِ مِنْهَا ۖ  
وَمَنْ يُرِدْ ثَوَابَ الْآخِرَةِ نُؤْتِهِ مِنْهَا ۖ وَسَجْزَى  
الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿١٤٥﴾ وَكَأَيِّنْ مِنْ نَبِيِّ قُتِلَ ۖ مَعَهُ  
رَبِّيُونَ كَثِيرٌ ۖ فَمَا وَهَنُوا لِمَا أَصَابَهُمْ فِي  
سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَمَا ضَعُفُوا وَمَا اسْتَكَانُوا ۖ وَاللَّهُ  
يُحِبُّ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٤٦﴾ وَمَا كَانَ قَوْلُهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ  
قَالُوا رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَإِسْرَافَنَا فِي  
أَمْرِنَا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ

and give us victory over the disbelieving people.” 148. So Allah gave them the reward of this world and the excellent reward of the Hereafter. For Allah loves the good-doers.

#### *Yielding to the Disbelievers*

149. O believers! If you yield to the disbelievers, they will drag you back to disbelief—and you will become losers. 150. But no! Allah is your Guardian, and He is the best Helper. 151. We will cast horror into the hearts of the disbelievers for associating ‘false gods’ with Allah—a practice He has never authorized. The Fire will be their home—what an evil place for the wrongdoers to stay!

#### *Victory Denied at Uhud*

152. Indeed, Allah fulfilled His promise to you when you ‘initially’ swept them away by His Will, then your courage weakened and you disputed about the command and disobeyed,<sup>154</sup> after Allah had brought victory within your reach. Some of you were after worldly gain while others desired a heavenly reward. He denied you victory over them as a test, yet He has pardoned you.

الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٤٩﴾ فَآتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ ثَوَابَ الدُّنْيَا وَ  
حُسْنَ ثَوَابِ الْآخِرَةِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٥٠﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَطِيعُوا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
يَرُدُّوكُمْ عَلَىٰ أَعْقَابِكُمْ فَتَنْقَلِبُوا خَاسِرِينَ ﴿١٥١﴾ بَلِ  
اللَّهُ مَوْلَاكُمْ ۖ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ النَّاصِرِينَ ﴿١٥٢﴾ سَنُلْقِي فِي  
قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الرُّعْبَ ۖ بِمَا أَشْرَكُوا بِاللَّهِ  
مَا لَمْ يُنَزَّلْ بِهِ سُلْطَانٌ ۖ وَمَأْوَهُمُ النَّارُ وَبِئْسَ  
مَثْوَى الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٥٣﴾ وَلَقَدْ صَدَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ  
إِذْ تَحْسَبُونَهُم بِأَذْنِهِ ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فَشِلْتُمْ  
وَتَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ وَعَصَيْتُمْ مِمَّا بَعْدَ مَا  
أَرْسَلَكُمْ مَّا تَحِبُّونَ ۖ مِنْكُمْ مَّنْ يُرِيدُ الدُّنْيَا وَ  
مِنْكُمْ مَّنْ يُرِيدُ الْآخِرَةَ ۖ ثُمَّ صَرَفَكُمْ عَنْهُمْ  
لِيَبْتَلِيَكُمْ ۖ وَلَقَدْ عَفَا عَنْكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ ذُو فَضْلٍ

عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

مَنْزِلَ ١

<sup>154</sup> The archers disputed whether to keep their positions after the initial victory. Eventually, most of them decided to go in pursuit of the spoils of war, disobeying the Prophet's direct orders not to leave their position no matter what happened. Defeat became inevitable.

And Allah is Gracious to the believers.

### The Army Retreats

153. 'Remember' when you were running far away 'in panic'—not looking at anyone—while the Messenger was calling to you from behind! So Allah rewarded your disobedience with distress upon distress. Now, do not grieve over the victory you were denied or the injury you suffered. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do. 154. Then after distress, He sent down serenity in the form of drowsiness overcoming some of you, while others were disturbed by evil thoughts about Allah—the thoughts of 'pre-Islamic' ignorance. They ask, "Do we have a say in the matter?" Say, 'O Prophet,' "All matters are destined by Allah." They conceal in their hearts what they do not reveal to you. They say 'to themselves', "If we had any say in the matter, none of us would have come to die here." Say, 'O Prophet,' "Even if you were to remain in your homes, those among you who were destined to be killed would have met the same fate." Through this, Allah tests what is within you and purifies what is in your hearts.

عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٥٣﴾ إِذْ تَصْعَدُونَ وَلَا تَلُونِ  
 عَلَى أَحَدٍ وَ الرَّسُولُ يَدْعُوكُمْ فِي أُخْرَاكُمْ فَأَثَابَكُمْ  
 غَمًّا بِغَمٍّ لِّكَيْلَا تَحْزَنُوا عَلَى مَا فَاتَكُمْ وَلَا مَا  
 أَصَابَكُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٥٤﴾ ثُمَّ  
 أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ الْغَمِّ أَمْنَةً نُّعَاسًا يَغْشَى  
 طَآئِفَةً مِّنْكُمْ ۖ وَطَآئِفَةٌ قَدْ أَهَمَّتْهُمْ أَنفُسُهُمْ  
 يَظُنُّونَ بِاللَّهِ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ ظَنَّ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ ۖ  
 يَقُولُونَ هَلْ لَّنَا مِنَ الْأَمْرِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۖ قُلْ إِنَّ  
 الْأَمْرَ كُلَّهُ لِلَّهِ ۖ يُخْفُونَ فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ مَا لَا  
 يُبْدُونَ لَكَ ۖ يَقُولُونَ لَوْ كَانَ لَنَا مِنَ الْأَمْرِ  
 شَيْءٌ مَّا قُتِلْنَا هُنَا ۖ قُلْ لَّوْ كُنْتُمْ فِي بُيُوتِكُمْ  
 لَبَرَزَ الَّذِينَ كُتِبَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقَتْلُ إِلَى مَضَاجِعِهِمْ ۚ  
 وَلِيَبْتَلِيَ اللَّهُ مَا فِي صُدُورِكُمْ وَلِيُمَحِّصَ مَا

And Allah knows best what is 'hidden' in the heart.

### The Deserters

155. Indeed those 'believers' who fled on the day when the two armies met were made to slip by Satan because of their misdeeds. But Allah has pardoned them. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Forbearing.

### It Is All Destined

156. O believers! Do not be like the unfaithful<sup>155</sup> who say about their brothers who travel throughout the land or engage in battle, "If they had stayed with us, they would not have died or been killed." Allah makes such thinking a cause of agony in their hearts. It is Allah who gives life and causes death. And Allah is All-Seeing of what you do. 157. Should you be martyred or die in the cause of Allah, then His forgiveness and mercy are far better than whatever 'wealth' those 'who stay behind' accumulate. 158. Whether you die or are martyred—all of you will be gathered before Allah.

### Prophet's Kindness to the Believers

159. It is out of Allah's mercy that you 'O Prophet' have been lenient with them.

فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿١٥٥﴾  
 إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَوَلَّوْا مِنْكُمْ يَوْمَ الْتَقَى الْجَمْعَانِ ۚ  
 إِنَّمَا اسْتَزَلَّهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ بِبَعْضِ مَا كَسَبُوا ۖ  
 وَلَقَدْ عَفَا اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿١٥٦﴾  
 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
 وَقَالُوا لِإِخْوَانِهِمْ إِذَا ضَرَبُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ أَوْ  
 كَانُوا غُرَىٰ لِّوَيْكَانُوا عِنْدَنَا مَا مَاتُوا وَمَا  
 قُتِلُوا لِيَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ ذَٰلِكَ حَسْرَةً فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ ۚ  
 وَاللَّهُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١٥٧﴾  
 وَلَئِنْ قُتِلْتُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَوْ مُتُّمْ لَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِّنَ  
 اللَّهِ وَرَحْمَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ ﴿١٥٨﴾ وَلَئِنْ مُتُّمْ  
 أَوْ قُتِلْتُمْ لَا إِلَى اللَّهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿١٥٩﴾ فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِّنَ  
 اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ ۚ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ



لَا نَفْضُوا مِنْ حَوْلِكَ ۖ فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ ۚ فَإِذَا عَزَمْتَ فَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ ﴿١٥٩﴾ إِنْ يَنْصُرْكُمْ اللَّهُ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ ۖ وَإِنْ يَخْذُلْكُمْ فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ ۗ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٦٠﴾ وَمَا كَانَ لِنَبِيٍّ أَنْ يَغُلَّ ۚ وَمَنْ يَغْلُلْ يَأْتِ بِمَا غَلَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۚ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿١٦١﴾ أَفَمِنْ أَتَّبَعَ رِضْوَانِ اللَّهِ كَمَنْ بَاءَ بِسَخِطِ مَنِ اللَّهِ وَمَا لَهُ جَهَنَّمَ ۚ وَبِئْسَ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿١٦٢﴾ هُمْ دَرَجَتٌ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِصِيرٍ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٦٣﴾ لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ

Had you been cruel or hard-hearted, they would have certainly abandoned you. So pardon them, ask Allah's forgiveness for them, and consult with them in 'conducting' matters. Once you make a decision, put your trust in Allah. Surely Allah loves those who trust in Him.

#### *Victory Is from Allah*

160. If Allah helps you, none can defeat you. But if He denies you help, then who else can help you? So in Allah let the believers put their trust.

#### *Spoils of War*

161. It is not appropriate for a prophet to illegally withhold spoils of war. And whoever does so, it will be held against them on the Day of Judgment. Then every soul will be paid in full for what it has done, and none will be wronged.

#### *Good-Doers and Wrongdoers*

162. Are those who seek Allah's pleasure like those who deserve Allah's wrath? Hell is their home. What an evil destination! 163. They 'each' have varying degrees in the sight of Allah. And Allah is All-Seeing of what they do.

#### *The Prophet as a Blessing*

164. Indeed, Allah has done the believers a 'great' favour by raising a messenger from among them—reciting to them His revelations,

purifying them, and teaching them the Book and wisdom. For indeed they had previously been clearly astray.

#### Lessons from the Battle of Uhud

165. Why is it when you suffered casualties 'at Uhud'—although you had made your enemy suffer twice as much 'at Badr'—you protested, "How could this be?"? Say, 'O Prophet,' "It is because of your disobedience." Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything. 166. So what you suffered on the day the two armies met was by Allah's Will, so that He might distinguish the 'true' believers 167. and expose the hypocrites. When it was said to them, "Come fight in the cause of Allah or 'at least' defend yourselves," they replied, "If we had known there was fighting, we would have definitely gone with you." They were closer to disbelief than to belief on that day—for saying with their mouths what was not in their hearts. Allah is All-Knowing of what they hide. 168. Those who sat at home, saying about their brothers, "Had they listened to us, they would not have been killed." Say, 'O Prophet,' "Try not to die<sup>156</sup> if what you say is true!"

#### Martyrs Honoured

169. Never think of those martyred in the cause of Allah as dead.

وَالْحِكْمَةُ ۚ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿١٦٥﴾  
 أَوَلَمْآ أَصَابَتْكُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ قَدْ أَصَبْتُمْ مِثْلَيْهَا ۚ  
 قُلْتُمْ أَتَىٰ هَٰذَا قُلُوبُ هَٰؤُلَاءِ مِنْ عِنْدِ أَنْفُسِكُمْ ۖ إِنَّ  
 اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٦٦﴾ وَمَا أَصَابَكُمْ يَوْمَ  
 التَّتْيِ الْجَمْعِ فِي بَادِئِ اللَّهِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۚ  
 وَلِيَعْلَمَ الَّذِينَ نَافَقُوا ۖ وَقِيلَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا  
 قَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَوْ ادْفَعُوا ۖ قَالُوا لَوْ نَعْلَمُ  
 قِتَالًا لَا تَبْعُنَكُم ۖ هُمْ لِلْكَفْرِ يَوْمَئِذٍ أَقْرَبُ  
 مِنْهُمْ لِلْإِيمَانِ ۚ يَقُولُونَ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ مَا لَيْسَ  
 فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَكْتُمُونَ ﴿١٦٧﴾ الَّذِينَ  
 قَالُوا لِإِخْوَانِهِمْ وَقَعَدُوا لَوْ أَطَاعُونَا مَا قُتِلُوا ۖ  
 قُلْ فَادْرَءُوا عَنْ أَنْفُسِكُمُ الْمَوْتَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
 صَادِقِينَ ﴿١٦٨﴾ وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ

اللَّهُ أَمْوَاتًا

منزل ۱

156 i.e., try not to die when your time comes.

اللَّهُ أَمْوَاتًا بَلْ أَحْيَاءُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ يُرْزَقُونَ ﴿١٦٩﴾  
 فَرِحِينَ بِمَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۖ وَيَسْتَبْشِرُونَ  
 بِالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ مِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ ۖ إِلَّا خَوْفٌ  
 عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿١٧٠﴾ يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِنِعْمَةِ  
 مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَفَضْلٍ ۖ وَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ  
 الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٧١﴾ الَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِلَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ  
 مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا أَصَابَهُمُ الْقَرْحُ ۚ لِلَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا  
 مِنْهُمْ وَاتَّقُوا أَجْرَ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٧٢﴾ الَّذِينَ قَالَ لَهُمُ  
 النَّاسُ إِنَّ النَّاسَ قَدْ جَمَعُوا لَكُمْ فَاخْشَوْهُمْ  
 فَزَادَهُمْ إِيمَانًا ۖ وَقَالُوا حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ ﴿١٧٣﴾  
 فَانْقَلَبُوا بِنِعْمَةِ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَفَضْلٍ لَّمْ يَمَسَّهْمُ  
 سُوءٌ ۖ وَاتَّبَعُوا رِضْوَانَ اللَّهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ ذُو فَضْلٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٧٤﴾  
 إِنَّمَا ذَلِكُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ يُخَوِّفُ أَوْلِيَاءَهُ ۖ فَلَا تَخَافُوهُمْ

وَتَخَافُونَ

منزل ١

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In fact, they are alive with their Lord, well provided for— 170. rejoicing in Allah's bounties and being delighted for those yet to join them. There will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve. 171. They are joyful for receiving Allah's grace and bounty, and that Allah does not deny the reward of the believers.

#### Reward of the Steadfast

172. 'As for' those who responded to the call of Allah and His Messenger after their injury,<sup>157</sup> those of them who did good and were mindful 'of Allah' will have a great reward. 173. Those who were warned, "Your enemies have mobilized their forces against you, so fear them," the warning only made them grow stronger in faith and they replied, "Allah 'alone' is sufficient 'as an aid' for us and 'He' is the best Protector." 174. So they returned with Allah's favours and grace, suffering no harm. For they sought to please Allah. And surely Allah is 'the' Lord of infinite bounty. 175. That 'warning' was only 'from' Satan, trying to prompt you to fear his followers.<sup>158</sup>

157 The Prophet (ﷺ) realized that the city of Medina became vulnerable after the Muslim loss at Uhud. So on the next day of the battle he decided to lead a small force of his companions—many of whom had been wounded at Uhud—to chase away the Meccan army which was camping at a place called Hamrā' Al-Asad—not far from Medina. Abu Sufyān, commander of the Meccan army, sent a man to discourage the Muslims from following the Meccans. Although the man falsely claimed that the Meccans were mobilizing to launch a decisive attack on Medina, the Prophet became more determined to chase them away. Eventually, the Meccans decided to flee and not waste their victory after the Prophet sent a revert to Islam—who was friends with Abu Sufyān—to convince him to withdraw; otherwise Muslims were going to avenge their loss at Uhud.

158 This refers to the warning mentioned in 3:173.

So do not fear them; fear Me if you are 'true' believers.

### Disbelievers' Delusion

176. 'O Prophet!' Do not grieve for those who race to disbelieve—surely they will not harm Allah in the least. It is Allah's Will to disallow them a share in the Hereafter, and they will suffer a tremendous punishment. 177. Those who trade belief for disbelief will never harm Allah in the least, and they will suffer a painful punishment. 178. Those who disbelieve should not think that living longer is good for them. They are only given more time to increase in sin, and they will suffer a humiliating punishment.

### Sincerity Test

179. Allah would not leave the believers in the condition you were in, until He distinguished the good from the evil 'among you'. Nor would Allah 'directly' reveal to you the unseen,<sup>159</sup> but He chooses whoever He wills as a messenger. So believe in Allah and His messengers. And if you are faithful and mindful 'of Allah', you will receive a great reward.

### Reward of the Stingy

180. And do not let those who 'greedily' withhold Allah's bounties think it is good for them—

وَحَافُونَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٧٦﴾ وَلَا يَحْزَنُكَ  
الَّذِينَ يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْكُفْرِ إِنَّهُمْ لَنْ يَضُرُّوا  
اللَّهَ شَيْئًا ۚ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ أَلَّا يَجْعَلَ لَهُمْ حِظًّا فِي  
الْآخِرَةِ ۚ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٧٧﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ اشْتَرُوا  
الْكُفْرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ لَنْ يَضُرُّوا اللَّهَ شَيْئًا ۚ وَلَهُمْ  
عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٧٨﴾ وَلَا يَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ  
مَسَلَى لَهُمْ خَيْرٌ لِّأَنفُسِهِمْ ۚ إِنَّمَا مَسَلَى لَهُمْ  
لِيُزَادُوا إِثْمًا ۚ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ﴿١٧٩﴾ مَا كَانَ  
اللَّهُ لِيَذَرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَىٰ مَا أَنْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ حَتَّىٰ يَمِيزَ  
الْخَبِيثَ مِنَ الطَّيِّبِ ۚ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُطْلِعَكُمْ  
عَلَى الْغَيْبِ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَجْتَبِيٰ مِنْ رُّسُلِهِ مَنْ  
يَشَاءُ ۖ فَآمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ۚ وَإِنْ تَوَمَّنُوا  
وَلَا يَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ

159 i.e., the distinction between the true believers and hypocrites.

in fact, it is bad for them! They will be leashed 'by their necks' on the Day of Judgment with whatever 'wealth' they used to withhold. And Allah is the 'sole' inheritor of the heavens and the earth. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

### Blasphemy Exposed

181. Indeed, Allah has heard those 'among the Jews' who said, "Allah is poor; we are rich!" We have certainly recorded their slurs and their killing of prophets unjustly. Then We will say, "Taste the torment of burning!"  
182. This is 'the reward' for what your hands have done. And Allah is never unjust to 'His' creation."

### Rejecting Allah's Messengers

183. Those 'are the same people' who say, "Allah has commanded us not to believe in any messenger unless he brings us an offering to be consumed by fire 'from the sky'." Say, 'O Prophet,' "Other prophets did in fact come to you<sup>160</sup> before me with clear proofs and 'even' what you demanded—why then did you kill them, if what you say is true?"  
184. If you are rejected by them, so too were messengers before you who came with clear proofs,

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يَخْلُونَ بِمَا اَتٰهُمْ اَللّٰهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهٖ هُوَ خَيْرٌ اَلَيْهِمْ ط

بَلْ هُوَ شَرٌّ لَّهِمْ ط سَيُطَوَّقُونَ مَا بَخِلُوا بِهٖ يَوْمَ

الْقِيَمَةِ ط وَ لِلّٰهِ مِيرَاثُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَ الْاَرْضِ ط

وَ اَللّٰهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٨١﴾ لَقَدْ سَمِعَ اَللّٰهُ قَوْلَ

الَّذِيْنَ قَالُوْا اِنَّ اَللّٰهَ فَقِيْرٌ وَ نَحْنُ اَغْنِيَاءُ م

سَنَكْتُبُ مَا قَالُوْا وَ قَتَلَهُمُ الْاَنْبِيَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ ۚ

وَ نَقُوْلُ ذُوْقُوْا عَذَابَ الْحَرِيْقِ ﴿١٨٢﴾ ذٰلِكَ بِمَا قَدَّمْتِ

اَيْدِيْكُمْ وَ اَنَّ اَللّٰهَ لَيْسَ بِظَلٰمٍ لِّلْعٰبِدِ ﴿١٨٣﴾

الَّذِيْنَ قَالُوْا اِنَّ اَللّٰهَ عٰهَدَ اِلَيْنَا اَلَّا نُوْمِنَ

لِرَسُوْلٍ حَتّٰى يَّاْتِيَنَا بِقُرْبٰنٍ تَاْكُلُهٗ النَّارُ قُلْ

قَدْ جَآءَكُمْ رُسُلٌ مِّنْ قَبْلِيْ بِالْبَيِّنٰتِ وَ بِالَّذِيْ

قُلْتُمْ فَلِمَ قَتَلْتُمُوْهُمْ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ صٰدِقِيْنَ ﴿١٨٤﴾

فَاِنْ كَذَّبُوْكَ فَقَدْ كَذَّبَ رُسُلٌ مِّنْ قَبْلِكَ جَآءُوْ

divine Books, and enlightening Scriptures.<sup>161</sup>

#### Death Is Inevitable

185. Every soul will taste death. And you will only receive your full reward on the Day of Judgment. Whoever is spared from the Fire and is admitted into Paradise will "indeed" triumph, whereas the life of this world is no more than the delusion of enjoyment.

#### Patience Tested

186. You 'believers' will surely be tested in your wealth and yourselves,<sup>162</sup> and you will certainly hear many hurtful words from those who were given the Scripture before you and 'from' the polytheists. But if you are patient and mindful 'of Allah'—surely this is a resolve to aspire to.

#### Breaking Allah's Covenant

187. 'Remember, O Prophet,' when Allah took the covenant of those who were given the Scripture to make it known to people and not hide it, yet they cast it behind their backs and traded it for a fleeting gain. What a miserable profit! 188. Do not let those who rejoice in their misdeeds and love to take credit for what they have not done think they will escape torment.

إِلْعَازِلِ عَمَلِنَ ٣

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لَنْ نَنْتَهِلُوا ٣

بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالزُّبُرِ وَالْكِتَابِ الْمُنِيرِ ۖ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ  
ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ وَإِنَّمَا تُوَفَّقُونَ أُجُورَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۖ  
فَمَنْ زُحْزِحَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَ ۚ  
وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ ۚ لَتُبْلَوْنَ  
فِي أَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنفُسِكُمْ وَلَتَسْمَعَنَّ مِنَ الَّذِينَ  
أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَمِنَ الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا  
أَذًى كَثِيرًا ۖ وَإِنْ تَصْبِرُوا وَتَتَّقُوا فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ  
مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ ۚ وَإِذْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيثَاقَ  
الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ لَتُبَيِّنُنَّهُ لِلنَّاسِ وَلَا  
تَكْتُمُونَهُ ۚ فَنَبَذُوهُ وَرَاءَ ظُهُورِهِمْ وَاشْتَرَوْا  
بِهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا ۖ فَبُئْسَ مَا يَشْتَرُونَ ۚ لَا تَحْسَبَنَّ  
الَّذِينَ يَفْرَحُونَ بِمَا آتَوْا وَيُحِبُّونَ أَنْ يُحْمَدُوا  
بِمَا لَمْ يَفْعَلُوا فَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّهُمْ بِمَفَازَةٍ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ ۚ

وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ  
مَنْزِلٌ

161 i.e., the original Torah of Moses and the Gospel of Jesus.

162 Meaning, a believer is always tested through the loss of wealth as well as sickness, injuries, and the loss of life.

وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٨٨﴾ وَبِاللَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ط  
 وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٨٩﴾ إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ  
 السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ  
 لَآيَاتٍ لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٩٠﴾ الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ  
 قِيَمًا وَقُعُودًا ۖ وَ عَلَى جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ  
 فِي خَلْقِ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ  
 هَذَا بَاطِلًا ۖ سُبْحَنَكَ فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿١٩١﴾ رَبَّنَا  
 إِنَّكَ مَنْ تَدْخِلِ النَّارَ فَقَدْ أَخْرَجْتَهُ ط وَمَا  
 لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ ﴿١٩٢﴾ رَبَّنَا إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا مُنَادِيًا  
 يُنَادِي لِلْإِيمَانِ أَنْ آمِنُوا بِرَبِّكُمْ فَآمَنَّا ۖ رَبَّنَا  
 فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَكَفِّرْ عَنَّا سَيِّئَاتِنَا وَتَوَقَّنَا  
 مَعَ الْأَبْرَارِ ﴿١٩٣﴾ رَبَّنَا وَآتِنَا مَا وَعَدْتَنَا عَلَى رُسُلِكَ  
 وَلَا تُخْزِنَا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ط إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ ﴿١٩٤﴾

فَاسْتَجَابَ

مِثْلُهَا

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They will suffer a painful punishment.

*Allah's Signs*

189. To Allah 'alone' belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. And Allah is Most Capable of everything. 190. Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the day and night there are signs for people of reason.

*A Prayer of the Righteous*

191. 'They are' those who remember Allah while standing, sitting, and lying on their sides, and reflect on the creation of the heavens and the earth 'and pray', "Our Lord! You have not created 'all of' this without purpose. Glory be to You! Protect us from the torment of the Fire. 192. Our Lord! Indeed, those You commit to the Fire will be 'completely' disgraced! And the wrongdoers will have no helpers. 193. Our Lord! We have heard the caller<sup>63</sup> to 'true' belief, 'proclaiming,' 'Believe in your Lord 'alone', 'so we believed. Our Lord! Forgive our sins, absolve us of our misdeeds, and allow us 'each' to die as one of the virtuous. 194. Our Lord! Grant us what You have promised us through Your messengers and do not put us to shame on Judgment Day—for certainly You never fail in Your promise."

*Prayers Answered*

195. So their Lord responded to them: "I will never deny any of you—male or female—the reward of your deeds. Both are equal in reward. Those who migrated or were expelled from their homes, and were persecuted for My sake and fought and 'some' were martyred—I will certainly forgive their sins and admit them into Gardens under which rivers flow, as a reward from Allah. And with Allah is the finest reward!"

*Disbelievers' Brief Enjoyment*

196. Do not be deceived by the prosperity of the disbelievers throughout the land. 197. It is only a brief enjoyment. Then Hell will be their home—what an evil place to rest!

*Believers' Everlasting Delight*

198. But those who are mindful of their Lord will be in Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there forever—as an accommodation from Allah. And what is with Allah is best for the virtuous.

*Believers Among People of the Book*

199. Indeed, there are some among the People of the Book who truly believe in Allah and what has been revealed to you 'believers' and what was revealed to them. They humble themselves before Allah—

فَاسْتَجَابَ لَهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ أَنِّي لَا أُضِيعُ عَمَلَ عَامِلٍ  
مِّنْكُمْ مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ ۖ بَعْضُكُمْ مِّنْ  
بَعْضٍ ۖ فَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا وَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ  
وَ أُودُوا فِي سَبِيلِي وَ قُتِلُوا وَ قُتِلُوا لَا كُفْرَانَ  
عَنَّهُمْ سَيَاتِرُهُمْ وَ لَا دُخْلَنَّهُمْ جَنَّتِ تَجْرِي مِنْ  
تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۖ ثَوَابًا مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَ اللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ  
حُسْنُ الثَّوَابِ ﴿١٩٥﴾ لَا يَغْرَنَكَ تَقَلُّبُ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا فِي الْبِلَادِ ۖ مَتَاعٌ قَلِيلٌ ۖ ثُمَّ مَا لَهُمْ  
جَهَنَّمُ ۖ وَيُسَّ إِلَيْهَا ۖ لَكِنَّ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ  
لَهُمْ جَنَّتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ  
فِيهَا نَزَلَ مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَ مَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ  
لِّلْآبَرَارِ ﴿١٩٦﴾ وَإِنَّ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَمَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ  
وَ مَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ وَ مَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ لَخَشِعِينَ لِلَّهِ ۖ

لَا يَشْتَرُونَ

منزل



لَا يَشْتَرُونَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ  
 أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿١٩٩﴾  
 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا  
 وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٢٠٠﴾

﴿١٥٦﴾ (٢) سُورَةُ النِّسَاءِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٩٢) ﴿٢٠٠﴾ رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٢٢

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾  
 يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ  
 نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا  
 رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ  
 بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا ﴿٢﴾  
 وَاتُّوا إِلَىٰ يَتَمِّىٰ أَمْوَالِهِمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْخَبِيثَ  
 بِالطَّيِّبِ ۚ وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَهُمْ إِلَىٰ أَمْوَالِكُمْ ۚ  
 إِنَّهُ كَانَ حُوبًا كَبِيرًا ﴿٣﴾ وَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَلَّا تُقْسِطُوا

never trading Allah's revelations for a fleeting gain. Their reward is with their Lord. Surely Allah is swift in reckoning.

#### Advice for Success

200. O believers! Patiently endure, persevere, stand on guard,<sup>164</sup> and be mindful of Allah, so you may be successful.



#### 4. Women (An-Nisâ')

In the Name of Allah—  
 the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Commitment to Allah and Kinship Ties

1. O humanity! Be mindful of your Lord Who created you from a single soul, and from it He created its mate,<sup>165</sup> and through both He spread countless men and women. And be mindful of Allah—in Whose Name you appeal to one another—and 'honour' family ties. Surely Allah is ever Watchful over you.

#### Orphans Given back Their Wealth

2. Give orphans their wealth 'when they reach maturity', and do not exchange your worthless possessions for their valuables, nor cheat them by mixing their wealth with your own. For this would indeed be a great sin.

#### Bridal Gifts

3. If you fear you might fail to give orphan women their 'due' rights 'if you were to marry them', then marry other women of your choice—

164 *Râbiṭa* refers to watching over the borders of one's homeland. It can also mean keeping up one's prayers.

165 i.e., Adam and Eve.

two, three, or four. But if you are afraid you will fail to maintain justice, then 'content yourselves with' one<sup>166</sup> or those 'bondwomen' in your possession.<sup>167</sup> This way you are less likely to commit injustice. 4. Give women 'you wed' their due dowries graciously. But if they waive some of it willingly, then you may enjoy it freely with a clear conscience.

### Managing Wealth Responsibly

5. Do not entrust the incapable 'among your dependants' with your wealth which Allah has made a means of support for you—but feed and clothe them from it, and speak to them kindly.

### Orphans' Wealth

6. Test 'the competence of' the orphans until they reach a marriageable age. Then if you feel they are capable of sound judgment, return their wealth to them. And do not consume it wastefully and hastily before they grow up 'to demand it'. If the guardian is well-off, they should not take compensation; but if the guardian is poor, let them take a reasonable provision. When you give orphans back their property, call in witnesses. And sufficient is Allah as a 'vigilant' Reckoner.

166 The Quran is the only scripture that says marry only one. Unlike any previous faith, Islam puts a limit on the number of wives a man can have. Under certain circumstances, a Muslim man may marry up to four wives as long as he is able to provide for them and maintain justice among them—otherwise it is unlawful. With the exception of Jesus Christ and John the Baptist (neither of whom were married), almost all religious figures in the Bible had more than one wife. According to the Bible, Solomon (ﷺ) had 700 wives and 300 concubines (1 Kings 11:3) and his father, David (ﷺ), had many wives and concubines (2 Samuel 5:13).

167 A bondwoman is a female slave that a man owned either through purchase or taking her captive in war—a common ancient practice in many parts of the world. Islam opened the door for ending slavery by making it an act of charity to free slaves. Many sins (such as breaking one's oath, unintentional killing, and intercourse with one's wife during the day of fasting in Ramaḍān) can be atoned by freeing a slave. According to Islamic teachings, no free person can be enslaved. Islam also improved the condition of slaves. It was unlawful to separate a mother from her child. Children born to a slave-master were deemed free, and their mother would gain her freedom upon the death of her master. With regards to slaves, Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ) says, "Feed them from what you eat, clothe them from what you wear, and do not overwhelm them with work unless you assist them." He (ﷺ) also says, "Whoever kills his slave will be killed and whoever injures his slave will be injured." In recent times, slavery has been outlawed in all countries—including the Muslim world.

فِي الْيَتَامَىٰ فَانْكِحُوا مَا طَابَ لَكُمْ مِّنَ النِّسَاءِ مَثْنَىٰ  
وَتِلْكَ وَرُبْعٌ ۚ فَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا فَوَاحِدَةً  
أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ أَدْنَىٰ ۖ أَلَّا تَعُولُوا ﴿٢﴾  
وَأْتُوا النِّسَاءَ صَدُقَتِهِنَّ نِحْلَةً ۚ فَإِنْ طِبْنَ لَكُمْ عَنْ  
شَيْءٍ مِّنْهُ نَفْسًا فَكُلُوهُ هَنِيئًا مَّرِيئًا ﴿٣﴾ وَلَا تَوْتُوا  
السُّفَهَاءَ أَمْوَالَكُمُ الَّتِي جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ قِيَمًا  
وَارْزُقُوهُمْ فِيهَا وَاكْسُوهُمْ وَقُولُوا لَهُمْ قَوْلًا  
مَعْرُوفًا ﴿٤﴾ وَابْتَلُوا الْيَتَامَىٰ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغُوا النِّكَاحَ ۚ فَإِنْ  
أَنْتُمْ مِنْهُمْ رُشَدًا فَادْفَعُوا إِلَيْهِمْ أَمْوَالَهُمْ ۚ وَلَا  
تَأْكُلُوهَا إِسْرَافًا وَبِدَارًا أَنْ يَكْبَرُوا ۚ وَمَنْ كَانَ  
غَنِيًّا فَلْيَسْتَعْفِفْ ۚ وَمَنْ كَانَ فَقِيرًا فَلْيَأْكُلْ  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ فَإِذَا دَفَعْتُمْ إِلَيْهِمْ أَمْوَالَهُمْ  
فَأَشْهَدُوا عَلَيْهِمْ ۚ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ حَسِيبًا ﴿٥﴾ لِلرِّجَالِ

نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا

مَنْزِلًا

## Inheritance Law<sup>168</sup> 1) Males and Females

7. For men there is a share in what their parents and close relatives leave, and for women there is a share in what their parents and close relatives leave—whether it is little or much. 'These are' obligatory shares.

### Acts of Kindness

8. If 'non-inheriting' relatives, orphans,<sup>169</sup> or the needy are present at the time of distribution, offer them a 'small' provision from it and speak to them kindly.

### Caring for Orphans

9. Let the guardians be as concerned 'for the orphans' as they would if they were to 'die and' leave 'their own' helpless children behind. So let them be mindful of Allah and speak equitably. 10. Indeed, those who unjustly consume orphans' wealth 'in fact' consume nothing but fire into their bellies. And they will be burned in a blazing Hell!

## Inheritance Law 2) Offspring and Parents

11. Allah commands you regarding your children: the share of the male will be twice that of the female.<sup>170</sup> If you leave only two 'or more' females, their share is two-thirds of the estate. But if there is only one female, her share will be one-half.

نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا تَرَكَ الْوَالِدَانِ وَالْأَقْرَبُونَ وَلِلنِّسَاءِ  
نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا تَرَكَ الْوَالِدَانِ وَالْأَقْرَبُونَ مِمَّا قَلَّ  
مِنْهُ أَوْ كَثُرَ نَصِيبًا مَّفْرُوضًا ٥ وَإِذَا حَضَرَ  
الْقِسْمَةَ أُولُو الْقُرْبَى وَالْيَتَامَى وَالْمَسْكِينُ  
فَارْزُقُوهُمْ مِنْهُ وَقُولُوا لَهُمْ قَوْلًا مَعْرُوفًا ٦  
وَلْيَخْشَ الَّذِينَ لَوْ تَرَكَوْا مِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّةً ضِعْفًا  
خَافُوا عَلَيْهِمْ ٧ فَلْيَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْيَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ٨  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ أَمْوَالَ الْيَتَامَى ظُلْمًا إِنَّمَا  
يَأْكُلُونَ فِي بُطُونِهِمْ نَارًا وَسَيَصْلَوْنَ سَعِيرًا ٩  
يُوصِيكُمُ اللَّهُ فِي أَوْلَادِكُمْ لِلذَّكَرِ مِثْلُ حَظِّ  
الْأُنثَى ١٠ فَإِنْ كُنَّ نِسَاءً فَوْقَ اثْنَتَيْنِ فَلَهُنَّ  
ثُلُثَا مَا تَرَكَ ١١ وَإِنْ كَانَتْ وَاحِدَةً فَلَهَا النِّصْفُ ١٢  
وَلِأَبَوَيْهِ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا السُّدُسُ مِمَّا تَرَكَ

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168 Inheritance entitlements of immediate family members (children, parents, full- and half-brothers and sisters, and spouses) are given in the following verses: 7, 11-13, 32-33, and 176. Shares are determined mainly according to the closeness of the heir to the deceased (i.e., close relatives get more than distant relatives), age (i.e., those who are young get more than those who are old), and—to a lesser degree—gender.

169 For example, in the case of orphaned children whose grandfather then dies, leaving behind other children, some scholars rule that an obligatory bequest should be made to them despite not having a share in inheritance.

170 According to Islamic law of inheritance, a female—whether she is a mother, a wife, a sister, a daughter, etc.—gets one of three shares, depending on her closeness to the deceased:

- *Less than a male's share.* If she is a daughter, she will get half of the share of her brother, since he—unlike his sister—has to provide for the family and pay a dowry at the time of his marriage.
- *More than a male's share.* For example, if a man leaves \$24 000 and six sons, two brothers, a wife, and a mother. The wife will get one-eighth (\$3000), the mother one-sixth (\$4000), each of the sons will receive about \$2 833 and the two brothers will not get anything.
- *An equal share.* This is in the case of siblings from the mother's side (mentioned in verse 12 of this sūrah).

Each parent is entitled to one-sixth if you leave offspring.<sup>171</sup> But if you are childless and your parents are the only heirs, then your mother will receive one-third.<sup>172</sup> But if you leave siblings, then your mother will receive one-sixth<sup>173</sup>—after the fulfilment of bequests and debts.<sup>174</sup> 'Be fair to' your parents and children, as you do not 'fully' know who is more beneficial to you.<sup>175</sup> 'This is' an obligation from Allah. Surely Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

### *Inheritance Law 3) Spouses*

12. You will inherit half of what your wives leave if they are childless. But if they have children, then 'your share is' one-fourth of the estate—after the fulfilment of bequests and debts. And your wives will inherit one-fourth of what you leave if you are childless. But if you have children, then your wives will receive one-eighth of your estate—after the fulfilment of bequests and debts.

### *Inheritance Law 4) Maternal Siblings*

And if a man or a woman leaves neither parents nor children but only a brother or a sister 'from their mother's side', they will each inherit one-sixth, but if they are more than one, they 'all' will share one-third of the estate<sup>176</sup>—

إِنْ كَانَ لَهُ وَلَدٌ فَإِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وَلَدٌ وَوَرِثَتُهُ  
أَبُوهُ فَلِلْمَتِّ الثُّلُثُ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَهُ إِخْوَةٌ فَلِلْمَتِّ  
السُّدُسُ مِنْ بَعْدِ وَصِيَّةٍ يُوصِي بِهَا أَوْ دَيْنٍ ط  
أَبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ لَا تَدْرُونَ أَيُّهُمْ أَقْرَبُ لَكُمْ  
نَفْعًا فَرِيضَةٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ ط إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلِيمًا  
حَكِيمًا ۝ وَلَكُمْ نِصْفُ مَا تَرَكَ أَزْوَاجُكُمْ إِنْ لَمْ  
يَكُنْ لَهُنَّ وَلَدٌ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَهُنَّ وَلَدٌ فَلَكُمْ  
الرُّبْعُ مِمَّا تَرَكَنَّ مِنْ بَعْدِ وَصِيَّةٍ يُوصِيْنَ بِهَا  
أَوْ دَيْنٍ ط وَلَهُنَّ الرُّبْعُ مِمَّا تَرَكَتُمْ إِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ  
لَكُمْ وَلَدٌ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَكُمْ وَلَدٌ فَلَهُنَّ الثُّمُنُ مِمَّا  
تَرَكَتُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ وَصِيَّةٍ تُوصُونَ بِهَا أَوْ دَيْنٍ ط  
وَإِنْ كَانَ رَجُلٌ يُورَثُ كَلَالَةً أَوِ امْرَأَةٌ وَلَهُ أَخٌ  
أَوْ أُخْتُ فَلِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا السُّدُسُ فَإِنْ كَانُوا

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171 "Offspring" here means any number of children—male or female.

172 And the father will take the rest of the estate.

173 Although the existence of siblings reduces the mother's share from one-third to one-sixth, siblings themselves do not receive a share of inheritance and the rest of the estate goes to the father.

174 Debts as well as any other financial obligations (such as funeral expenses, unfulfilled vows, or unpaid dowry) have to be repaid before the fulfilment of bequests, then the estate can be distributed among the heirs. A person can bequest up to one-third of their estate for charities as well as individuals who are not entitled to a share in inheritance.

175 You do not know who will benefit you by looking after you during your life or doing good deeds on your behalf after your death.

176 If there are two or more brothers and sisters from the mother's side, they share one-third equally—the female will receive the same share of the male.

أَكْثَرُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ فَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ فِي الثُّلُثِ مِنْ بَعْدِ  
 وَصِيَّةٍ يُوْصَى بِهَا أَوْ دَيْنٍ ۚ غَيْرَ مُضَارٍّ وَصِيَّةً  
 مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿١٣﴾ تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ  
 وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ  
 تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۚ وَذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١٤﴾  
 وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ  
 نَارًا خَالِدًا فِيهَا ۚ وَلَهُ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ﴿١٥﴾ وَالَّتِي  
 يَأْتِيَنَّ الْفَاحِشَةَ مِنْ نِّسَائِكُمْ فَاستَشْهِدُوا  
 عَلَيْهِنَّ أَرْبَعَةً مِّنْكُمْ ۚ فَإِنْ شَهِدُوا فَأَمْسِكُوهُنَّ  
 فِي الْبُيُوتِ حَتَّى يَتَوَقَّعَهُنَّ الْمَوْتُ أَوْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ  
 لَهُنَّ سَبِيلًا ﴿١٦﴾ وَالَّذِينَ يَأْتِيْنَهَا مِنْكُمْ فَاذْوَهَبَا  
 فَإِنْ تَابَا وَأَصْلَحَا فَأَعْرِضُوا عَنْهُمَا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
 كَانَ تَوَّابًا رَّحِيمًا ﴿١٧﴾ إِنَّمَا التَّوْبَةُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لِلَّذِينَ

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after the fulfilment of bequests and debts without harm 'to the heirs'.<sup>177</sup> 'This is' a commandment from Allah. And Allah is All-Knowing, Most Forbearing.

#### Compliance with Inheritance Laws

13. These 'entitlements' are the limits set by Allah. Whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger will be admitted into Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there forever. That is the ultimate triumph! 14. But whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger and exceeds their limits will be cast into Hell, to stay there forever. And they will suffer a humiliating punishment.

#### Illegal Sexual Relationships<sup>178</sup>

15. 'As for' those of your women who commit illegal intercourse—call four witnesses from among yourselves. If they testify, confine the offenders to their homes until they die or Allah ordains a 'different' way for them. 16. And the two among you who commit this sin—discipline them. If they repent and mend their ways, relieve them. Surely Allah is ever Accepting of Repentance, Most Merciful.

#### Accepted and Rejected Repentance

17. Allah only accepts the repentance of those who commit evil ignorantly

177 Harming the heirs includes giving away more than one-third of the estate as a bequest.

178 The popular interpretation among Muslim scholars is that verses 15 and 16 refer to male and female premarital/extramarital relations, though the punishment was later abrogated by 24:2. A few scholars maintain that these two verses refer to homosexuality. Their argument is that, unlike other verses in the Quran that talk about illegal relations between males and females, each of these two verses specifies a gender—females in the first and males in the second.

‘or recklessly’ then repent soon after<sup>179</sup>—Allah will pardon them. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. 18. However, repentance is not accepted from those who knowingly persist in sin until they start dying, and then cry, “Now I repent!” nor those who die as disbelievers. For them We have prepared a painful punishment.

### Abusing Women Financially

19. O believers! It is not permissible for you to inherit women against their will<sup>180</sup> or mistreat them to make them return some of the dowry ‘as a ransom for divorce’—unless they are found guilty of adultery.<sup>181</sup> Treat them fairly. If you happen to dislike them, you may hate something which Allah turns into a great blessing. 20. If you desire to replace a wife with another and you have given the former ‘even’ a stack of gold ‘as a dowry’, do not take any of it back.

يَعْمَلُونَ الشُّوْءَ بِجَهَالَةٍ ثُمَّ يَتُوبُونَ مِنْ قَرِيبٍ فَأُولَٰئِكَ يَتُوبُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا ۝ وَلَيْسَتِ التَّوْبَةُ لِلَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا حَضَرَ أَحَدَهُمُ الْمَوْتُ قَالَ إِنِّي تُبْتُ الْكُفْرَ وَلَا الَّذِينَ يَمُوتُونَ وَهُمْ كُفَّارٌ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ أَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ۝ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَحِلُّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَرِثُوا النِّسَاءَ كَرْهًا ۖ وَلَا تَعْضَلُوهُنَّ لِتَذْهَبُوا بِبَعْضِ مَا آتَيْتَهُنَّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْتِيَنَّ بِفَاحِشَةٍ مُبَيَّنَةٍ ۚ وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ فَإِنْ كَرِهْتُمُوهُنَّ فَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تَكْرَهُنَّ شَيْئًا وَيَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ۝ وَإِنْ أَرَدْتُمْ اسْتِبْدَالَ زَوْجٍ مَكَانَ زَوْجٍ ۖ وَآتَيْتُمْ أَحَدَهُنَّ قَطَارًا فَلَا تَأْخُذُوا مِنْهُ

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179 A person's repentance will be accepted as long as they repent any time before their death. But one should not procrastinate because they do not know when they will die.

180 For example, a man would prevent a female relative (such as his sister or mother) from getting married so he can secure her estate for himself.

181 lit., blatant misconduct. If someone's wife has been found guilty of adultery, he has the right to ask for his dowry back.

شَيْئًا ۖ تَأْخُذُونَهُ بِهٖتَانًا وَإِنَّمَا مُمِيتُنَا ۖ وَكَيْفَ  
 تَأْخُذُونَهُ وَقَدْ أَفْضَى بَعْضُكُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ  
 وَأَخَذْنَ مِنْكُمْ مِّيثَاقًا عَلِيمًا ۖ وَلَا تَنْكِحُوا  
 مَا نَكَحَ آبَاؤُكُمْ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ إِلَّا مَا قَدْ سَلَفَ ۚ  
 إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَاحِشَةً وَمَقْتًا ۚ وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا ۖ  
 حُرِّمَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ أُمَّهَاتُكُمْ وَبَنَاتُكُمْ وَأَخَوَتُكُمْ  
 وَعَمَّاتُكُمْ وَخَالَاتُكُمْ وَبَنَاتُ الْأَخِ وَبَنَاتُ الْأُخْتِ  
 وَأُمَّهَاتُكُمُ اللَّاتِي أَرْضَعْنَكُمْ وَأَخَوَتُكُمُ مِنَ الرَّضَاعَةِ  
 وَأُمَّهُتِ نِسَائِكُمْ وَرَبَائِبُكُمُ اللَّاتِي فِي حُجُورِكُمْ  
 مِّنْ نِّسَائِكُمُ اللَّاتِي دَخَلْتُم بِهِنَّ فَإِنْ لَّمْ تَكُونُوا  
 دَخَلْتُم بِهِنَّ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ ۚ وَحَلَائِلُ أَبْنَائِكُمُ  
 الَّذِينَ مِنْ أَصْلَابِكُمْ ۚ وَأَنْ تَجْمَعُوا بَيْنَ الْأُخْتَيْنِ  
 إِلَّا مَا قَدْ سَلَفَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ۖ

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Would you "still" take it unjustly and very sinfully? 21. And how could you take it back after having enjoyed each other intimately and she has taken from you a firm commitment?<sup>182</sup>

### Unlawful Women to Marry<sup>183</sup>

22. Do not marry former wives of your fathers—except what was done previously. It was indeed a shameful, despicable, and evil practice. 23. "Also" forbidden to you for marriage are your mothers, your daughters, your sisters, your paternal and maternal aunts, your brother's daughters, your sister's daughters, your foster-mothers, your foster-sisters, your mothers-in-law, your stepdaughters under your guardianship if you have consummated marriage with their mothers—but if you have not, then you can marry them—nor the wives of your own sons, nor two sisters together at the same time—except what was done previously. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

182 i.e., the promise to live with her in kindness or divorce her with dignity.

183 Marriage to any of the listed women became null and void with the revelation of these verses.

24. Also 'forbidden are' married women—except 'female' captives in your possession.<sup>184</sup> This is Allah's commandment to you.

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Lawful to you are all beyond these—as long as you seek them with your wealth in a legal marriage, not in fornication. Give those you have consummated marriage with their due dowries. It is permissible to be mutually gracious regarding the set dowry. Surely Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### Marrying Bondwomen

25. But if any of you cannot afford to marry a free believing woman, then 'let him marry' a believing bondwoman possessed by one of you. Allah knows best 'the state of' your faith 'and theirs'. You are from one another.<sup>185</sup> So marry them with the permission of their owners,<sup>186</sup> giving them their dowry in fairness, if they are chaste, neither promiscuous nor having secret affairs. If they commit indecency after marriage, they receive half the punishment of free women.<sup>187</sup> This is for those of you who fear falling into sin.

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وَالْمُحْصَنَاتُ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ إِلَّا مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۚ  
 كَتَبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ ۚ وَاحِلَ لَكُمْ فَاوْرَاءَ ذَلِكَ  
 أَنْ تَبْتَغُوا بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ مُحْصِنِينَ غَيْرَ مُسْفِحِينَ ۖ  
 فَمَا اسْتَمْتَعْتُمْ بِهِ مِنْهُنَّ فَآتُوهُنَّ أُجُورَهُنَّ  
 فَرِيضَةً ۖ وَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِيمَا تَرْضَيْتُمْ بِهِ  
 مِنْ بَعْدِ الْفَرِيضَةِ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا ﴿٢٥﴾  
 وَمَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ مِنْكُمْ طَوْلًا أَنْ يَنْكَحَ الْمُحْصَنَاتِ  
 الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَمِنْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ مِنْ فَتَيَاتِكُمْ  
 الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِإِيمَانِكُمْ ۖ بَعْضُكُمْ مِنْ  
 بَعْضٍ ۚ فَانْكِحُوهُنَّ بِإِذْنِ أَهْلِهِنَّ وَآتُوهُنَّ  
 أُجُورَهُنَّ بِالْعَرُوفِ ۖ مُحْصَنَاتٍ غَيْرَ مُسْفِحَاتٍ  
 وَلَا مُتَّخَذَاتِ أَخْدَانٍ ۚ فَإِذَا أُحْصِنَ فَإِنَّهُنَّ  
 بِفَاحِشَةٍ فَعَلَيْهِنَّ نِصْفُ مَا عَلَى الْمُحْصَنَاتِ مِنَ

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184 A man was not allowed to have a relationship with a bondwoman who he had taken captive in war unless he made sure she was not pregnant. This was verified by her having at least one monthly cycle. See footnote for 4:3.

185 Do not be ashamed to marry a bondwoman since you are all part of the same human family and Allah knows you are doing so to avoid illegal relationships.

186 A married slave-woman is forbidden from having a relationship with her master.

187 i.e., fifty lashes.



الْعَذَابِ ۖ ذَٰلِكَ لِمَنْ خَشِيَ الْعَنَتَ مِنْكُمْ ۚ وَأَنْ  
 تَصْبِرُوا خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٢٦﴾ يُرِيدُ  
 اللَّهُ لِيُذَيِّبَنَّ لَكُمْ وَيَهْدِيَكُمْ سُنَنَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ  
 قَبْلِكُمْ وَيَتُوبَ عَلَيْكُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَاللَّهُ  
 يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَتُوبَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَيُرِيدُ الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ  
 الشَّهْوَاتِ أَنْ تَمِيلُوا مِيلًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٢٨﴾ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ  
 أَنْ يُخَفِّفَ عَنْكُمْ ۖ وَخُلِقَ الْإِنْسَانُ ضَعِيفًا ﴿٢٩﴾  
 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ  
 بِالْبَاطِلِ إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونَ تِجَارَةً عَنْ تَرَاضٍ مِنْكُمْ ۚ  
 وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا ﴿٣٠﴾  
 وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَٰلِكَ عُدْوَانًا وَظُلْمًا فَسَوْفَ نُصْلِيهِ  
 نَارًا ۚ وَكَانَ ذَٰلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرًا ﴿٣١﴾ إِنْ تَجْتَنِبُوا  
 كِبَايْرَ مَا تُنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ نُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَنُدْخِلَكُمْ

But if you are patient, it is better for you. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### Allah's Grace

26. It is Allah's Will to make things clear to you, guide you to the 'noble' ways of those before you, and turn to you in mercy. For Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. 27. And it is Allah's Will to turn to you in grace, but those who follow their desires wish to see you deviate entirely 'from Allah's Way'. 28. And it is Allah's Will to lighten your burdens, for humankind was created weak.

#### Prohibition of Abuse

29. O believers! Do not devour one another's wealth illegally, but rather trade by mutual consent. And do not kill 'each other or' yourselves. Surely Allah is ever Merciful to you. 30. And whoever does this sinfully and unjustly, We will burn them in the Fire. That is easy for Allah.

#### Avoiding Major Sins

31. If you avoid the major sins forbidden to you, We will absolve you of your 'lesser' misdeeds and

admit you into a place of honour.<sup>188</sup>

#### Inheritance Law 5) Contentment

32. And do not crave what Allah has given some of you over others. Men will be rewarded according to their deeds and women 'equally' according to theirs. Rather, ask Allah for His bounties. Surely Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things. 33. And We have appointed heirs to what has been left by parents and next of kin. As for those you have made a pledge to, give them their share.<sup>189</sup> Surely Allah is a Witness over all things.

#### Husbands as Providers and Protectors

34. Men are the caretakers of women, as men have been provisioned by Allah over women and tasked with supporting them financially. And righteous women are devoutly obedient and, when alone, protective of what Allah has entrusted them with.<sup>190</sup> And if you sense ill-conduct from your women, advise them 'first', 'if they persist,' do not share their beds, 'but if they still persist,' then discipline them 'gently'.<sup>191</sup> But if they change their ways, do not be unjust to them. Surely Allah is Most High, All-Great.

مُدْخَلَ كَرِيْمًا ۝ وَلَا تَتَمَنَّوْا مَا فَضَّلَ اللّٰهُ بِهِ  
بَعْضَكُمْ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ ط لِلرِّجَالِ نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا اكْتَسَبُوا ط  
وَلِلنِّسَاءِ نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا اكْتَسَبْنَ ط وَسَأَلُوا اللّٰهَ  
مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ط اِنَّ اللّٰهَ كَانَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيْمًا ۝  
وَلِكُلٍّ جَعَلْنَا مَوَالِيٍّ مِّمَّا تَرَكَ الْوَالِدِ وَالْاَقْرَبُونَ ط  
وَالَّذِيْنَ عَقَدْتُمْ اَيْمَانُكُمْ فَاتُوْهُمْ نَصِيْبَهُمْ ط  
اِنَّ اللّٰهَ كَانَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدًا ۝ الرِّجَالُ  
قَوُّمُوْنَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ بِمَا فَضَّلَ اللّٰهُ بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى  
بَعْضٍ وَبِمَا اَنْفَقُوْا مِنْ اَمْوَالِهِمْ ط فَالصّٰلِحٰتُ  
قُنِيْتُ حٰفِظٰتٍ لِّلْغَيْبِ بِمَا حَفِظَ اللّٰهُ ط وَالَّتِي  
تَخَافُوْنَ نُسُوْرَهُنَّ فَعُظُوْهُنَّ وَاهْجُرُوْهُنَّ فِى  
الْمَضَاجِعِ وَاضْرِبُوْهُنَّ اِنْ اَطَعْنَكُمْ فَلَا تَبْغُوْا  
عَلَيْهِنَّ سَبِيْلًا ط اِنَّ اللّٰهَ كَانَ عَلِيْمًا كَبِيْرًا ۝

188 i.e., Paradise.

189 This pledge was a common practice before Islam between friends and allies—taking oaths to inherit each other. This practice came to an end with the revelation of verse 8:75 of the Quran. Although friends and allies do not have a share in inheritance anymore, they still can get some of the estate through bequest.

190 i.e., their husbands' honour and wealth.

191 Disciplining one's wife gently is the final resort. The earliest commentators understood that this was to be light enough not to leave a mark, should be done with nothing bigger than a tooth stick, and should not be on the face. Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said to his companions "Do not beat the female servants of Allah." He said that honourable husbands do not beat their wives, and he himself never hit a woman or a servant. If a woman feels her husband is ill-behaved, then she can get help from her guardian or seek divorce.

## Reconciling Married Couples

35. If you anticipate a split between them, appoint a mediator from his family and another from hers. If they desire reconciliation, Allah will restore harmony between them. Surely Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware.

## The Kind, the Stingy, and the Insincere

36. Worship Allah 'alone' and associate none with Him. And be kind to parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, near and distant neighbours, close friends, 'needy' travellers, and those 'bondspeople' in your possession. Surely Allah does not like whoever is arrogant, boastful— 37. those who are stingy, promote stinginess among people, and withhold Allah's bounties. We have prepared for the disbelievers a humiliating punishment. 38. Likewise for those who spend their wealth to show off and do not believe in Allah or the Last Day.

وَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ شِقَاقَ بَيْنِهِمَا فَابْعَثُوا حَكَمًا مِّنْ أَهْلِهِ وَحَكَمًا مِّنْ أَهْلِهَا ؕ إِنْ يُرِيدَا إِصْلَاحًا يُوَفِّقِ اللَّهُ بَيْنَهُمَا ؕ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلِيمًا خَبِيرًا ﴿٣٥﴾  
وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تَشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالسَّكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنُبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ ۖ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ؕ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن كَانَ مُخْتَلًا فَخُورًا ﴿٣٦﴾  
إِلَّذِينَ يَبْخُلُونَ وَيَأْمُرُونَ النَّاسَ بِالْبُخْلِ وَيَكْتُمُونَ مَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ؕ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُّهِينًا ﴿٣٧﴾ وَالَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ رِئَاءَ النَّاسِ وَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَا بِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ؕ وَمَن يَكُنِ الشَّيْطَانُ لَهُ قَرِينًا

And whoever takes Satan as an associate—what an evil associate they have!

### Divine Justice

39. What harm could have come to them if they had believed in Allah and the Last Day and donated from what Allah has provided for them? And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of them. 40. Indeed, Allah never wrongs 'anyone'—even by an atom's weight.<sup>192</sup> And if it is a good deed, He will multiply it many times over and will give a great reward out of His grace.

### Witnesses on Judgment Day

41. So how will it be when We bring a witness from every faith-community and bring you 'O Prophet' as a witness against yours? 42. On that Day, those who denied 'Allah' and disobeyed the Messenger will wish they were reduced to dust. And they will never be able to hide anything from Allah.<sup>193</sup>

### Purification Before Prayers

43. O believers! Do not approach prayer while intoxicated<sup>194</sup> until you are aware of what you say, nor in a state of 'full' impurity<sup>195</sup>—unless you merely pass through 'the mosque'—until you have bathed. But if you are ill, on a journey, or have relieved yourselves, or been intimate with your wives and cannot find water, then purify yourselves with clean earth, wiping your faces and hands.<sup>196</sup>

فَسَاءَ قَرِينًا ﴿٣٩﴾ وَمَا ذَا عَلَيْهِمْ لَوْ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ  
وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَهُمُ اللَّهُ ط وَكَانَ  
اللَّهُ بِهِمْ عَلِيمًا ﴿٤٠﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَظْلِمُ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ  
وَإِنْ تَكُ حَسَنَةً يُضْعِفُهَا وَيُؤْتِ مِنْ لَدُنْهُ  
أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٤١﴾ فَكَيْفَ إِذَا جِئْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ بِشَهِيدٍ  
وَجِئْنَا بِكَ عَلَى هَؤُلَاءِ شَهِيدًا ﴿٤٢﴾ يَوْمَئِذٍ يُودُّ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا وَعَصَوُا الرَّسُولَ لَوْ تُسَوَّى بِهِمُ الْأَرْضُ ط  
وَلَا يَكْتُمُونَ اللَّهَ حَدِيثًا ﴿٤٣﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
لَا تَقْرَبُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْتُمْ سُكَارَى حَتَّى تَعْلَمُوا  
مَا تَقُولُونَ وَلَا جُنْبًا إِلَّا عَابِرِي سَبِيلٍ حَتَّى  
تَغْتَسِلُوا ط وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مَرْضَى أَوْ عَلَى سَفَرٍ أَوْ جَاءَ  
أَحَدٌ مِّنْكُمْ مِنَ الْغَايِبِ أَوْ لَمْ يَمْسَسْهُ الْوَسَاءُ فَلَمْ  
تَجِدُوا مَاءً فَتَيَمَّمُوا صَعِيدًا طَيِّبًا فَامْسَحُوا

بُوجُوهِكُمْ

مَنْزِلَ ١

192 lit., the smallest particle of dust (zarrah).

193 Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) asked one of his companions, 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ūd, to recite some verses of the Quran for him because he loved to hear it from someone other than himself. 'Abdullah recited from the beginning of this sūrah until he reached verse 42. When he was told he may stop, 'Abdullah said he looked at the face of Prophet (ﷺ) and saw tears rolling down his cheeks.

194 Intoxicants were prohibited in the Quran in three stages: 2:219, 4:43, and finally 5:90-91.

195 i.e., after sexual intercourse or a wet dream.

196 This ruling is called *tayammum* or 'dry ablution.' If someone cannot find water or is unable to use it because of illness or cold weather, then they are allowed to touch clean earth, sand, etc. with the palms of their hands once then blow in their hands and wipe over their face and hands.

And Allah is Ever-Pardoning, All-Forgiving.

#### Warning Against Deviance

44. Have you 'O Prophet' not seen those who were given a portion of the Scriptures yet trade it for misguidance and wish to see you deviate from the 'Right' Path? 45. Allah knows best who your enemies are! And Allah is sufficient as a Guardian, and He is sufficient as a Helper.

#### Humility with the Prophet<sup>197</sup>

46. Some Jews take words out of context and say, "We listen and we disobey," "Hear! May you never hear," and "Rā'ina!"—playing with words and discrediting the faith. Had they said 'courteously', "We hear and obey," "Listen to us," and "Unzurna," it would have been better for them and more proper. Allah has condemned them for their disbelief, so they do not believe except for a few.

#### Reward for Rejecting the Truth

47. O you who were given the Book! Believe in what We have revealed—confirming your own Scriptures—before We wipe out 'your' faces, turning them backwards, or We condemn the defiant as We did to the Sabbath-breakers.<sup>198</sup>

يُوجِّهَكُمْ وَأَيِّدِيكُمْ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَفُوًّا غَفُورًا ﴿٣٦﴾

الْمُتَرِّ إِلَى الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا نَصِيبًا مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ

يَشْتَرُونَ الضَّلَالَةَ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَن تَضِلُّوا السَّبِيلَ ۖ ﴿٣٧﴾

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِأَعْدَائِكُمْ ۖ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَلِيًّا ۚ وَكَفَى

بِاللَّهِ نَصِيرًا ﴿٣٨﴾ مِّنَ الَّذِينَ هَادُوا يُحَرِّفُونَ الْكَلِمَ

عَنْ مَوَاضِعِهِ وَيَقُولُونَ سَمِعْنَا وَعَصَيْنَا

وَأَسْمِعْ غَيْرَ مُسْمِعٍ وَرَاعِنَالِيًّا بِالسِّنْتِهِمْ وَطَعْنَا

فِي الدِّينِ ۖ وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا

وَأَسْمِعْ وَانْظُرْنَا لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ وَأَقْوَمَ ۚ وَلَكِن

لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِكُفْرِهِمْ فَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٣٩﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ آمِنُوا بِمَا نَزَّلْنَا

مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا مَعَكُمْ مِّن قَبْلِ أَن نَّطْمِسَ

وُجُوهًا فَتَرُدَّهَا عَلَى أَدْبَارِهَا أَوْ نَلْعَنَهُمْ كَمَا

<sup>197</sup> See footnote for 2:104.

<sup>198</sup> See 7:163-165.

And Allah's command is always executed!

### *The Only Unforgivable Sin*

48. Indeed, Allah does not forgive associating others with Him 'in worship',<sup>199</sup> but forgives anything else of whoever He wills. And whoever associates others with Allah has indeed committed a grave sin.

### *Self-Righteousness*

49. Have you 'O Prophet' not seen those who 'falsely' elevate themselves? It is Allah who elevates whoever He wills. And none will be wronged 'even by the width of' the thread of a date stone. 50. See how they fabricate lies against Allah—this alone is a blatant sin.

### *False Reassurance*

51. Have you 'O Prophet' not seen those who were given a portion of the Scriptures yet believe in idols and false gods and reassure the disbelievers<sup>200</sup> that they are better guided than the believers? 52. It is they who have been condemned by Allah. And whoever is condemned by Allah will have no helper.

### *Envy Breeds Disbelief*

53. Do they have control over shares of the kingdom? If so, they would not have given anyone so much as the speck on a date stone. 54. Or do they envy the people for Allah's bounties?

لَعَنَّا أَصْحَابَ السَّبْتِ ۖ وَكَانَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ مَفْعُولًا ﴿٤٨﴾

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ

ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ افْتَرَىٰ

إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٤٩﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَزْكُونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ ۖ

بَلِ اللَّهِ يُزَكِّي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَلَا يُظْلَمُونَ فَتِيلًا ﴿٥٠﴾

أَنْظِرْ كَيْفَ يَفْتَرُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ ۖ وَكَفَىٰ

بِهِ إِثْمًا مُّبِينًا ﴿٥١﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا نَصِيبًا

مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْجِبْتِ وَالطَّاغُوتِ

وَيَقُولُونَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هَؤُلَاءِ أَهْدَىٰ مِنْ

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا سَبِيلًا ﴿٥٢﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَعَنَهُمُ

اللَّهُ ۖ وَمَنْ يَلْعَنِ اللَّهُ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ نَصِيرًا ﴿٥٣﴾

أَمْ لَهُمْ نَصِيبٌ مِّنَ الْمُلْكِ فَإِذَا لَا يُؤْتُونَ

النَّاسَ نَقِيرًا ﴿٥٤﴾ أَمْ يَحْسُدُونَ النَّاسَ عَلَىٰ

مَا آتَاهُم

مِّنْ

199 A person will never be forgiven if they die as a disbeliever. But if they repent before their death and mend their ways, then their repentance will be accepted (see 25:68-70).

200 i.e., the polytheists.

مَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۖ فَقَدْ آتَيْنَا آلَ  
 إِبْرَاهِيمَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَآتَيْنَاهُمْ مُلْكًا  
 عَظِيمًا ۖ فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ آمَنَ بِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ صَدَّ  
 عَنْهُ ۖ وَكَفَىٰ بِجَهَنَّمَ سَعِيرًا ۚ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
 بِآيَاتِنَا سَوْفَ نُصْلِيهِمْ نَارًا ۖ كُلَّمَا نَضِجَتْ جُلُودُهُمْ  
 بَدَّلْنَاهُمْ جُلُودًا غَيْرَهَا لِيَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ ۚ إِنَّ  
 اللَّهَ كَانَ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا ۚ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا  
 الصَّالِحَاتِ سَنُدْخِلُهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا  
 الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۖ لَهُمْ فِيهَا أَزْوَاجٌ  
 مُطَهَّرَةٌ ۖ وَهُمْ فِيهَا شَارِبُونَ مِنْ لَبَنٍ مُنْضًى  
 يَافُورًا ۖ وَأَسْفَلَ سَافِرِينَ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا  
 الْأَنْهَارُ ۖ كُلًّا قَدْ قُدِّرَ لَكُمْ فِيهَا شَاوِبٌ  
 مِنْهَا ۖ وَهُمْ فِيهَا كَاذِبُونَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
 يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا ۖ وَإِذَا  
 حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ ۚ  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ نِعِمَّا يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيعًا

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↑ Indeed, We have given the descendants of Abraham the Book and wisdom, along with great authority. 55. Yet some believed in him while others turned away from him.<sup>201</sup> Hell is sufficient as a torment!

#### *Punishment of the Disbelievers*

56. Surely those who reject Our signs, We will cast them into the Fire. Whenever their skin is burnt completely, We will replace it so they will 'constantly' taste the punishment. Indeed, Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.

#### *Reward of the Believers*

57. As for those who believe and do good, We will admit them into Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there for ever and ever. There they will have pure spouses,<sup>202</sup> and We will place them under a vast shade.

#### *Maintaining Justice*

58. Indeed, Allah commands you to return trusts to their rightful owners;<sup>203</sup> and when you judge between people, judge with fairness. What a noble commandment from Allah to you!

201 i.e., Abraham (ع) or Muhammad (ﷺ).

202 See footnote for 2:25.

203 This verse was revealed right after Mecca had peacefully surrendered to the Muslims. 'Ali ibn Abi Tālib, the Prophet's cousin and son-in-law, took the Ka'bah's key by force from Othmān ibn Talha, the non-Muslim keeper of the Ka'bah. The verse was revealed to the Prophet (ﷺ) inside the Ka'bah with the order to give the key back to its rightful owner. He (ﷺ) ordered Ali to return the key to the keeper immediately along with an apology. Othmān was also promised that his family would keep the key forever. The keeper was so touched by the Quranic sense of justice that he decided to accept Islam.

Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

### Divine Judgment

59. O believers! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. Should you disagree on anything, then refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if you 'truly' believe in Allah and the Last Day. This is the best and fairest resolution.

### Hypocrites Rejecting Divine Judgment

60. Have you 'O Prophet' not seen those who claim they believe in what has been revealed to you and what was revealed before you? They seek the judgment of false judges, which they were commanded to reject. And Satan 'only' desires to lead them farther away. 61. When it is said to them, "Come to Allah's revelations and to the Messenger," you see the hypocrites turn away from you stubbornly. 62. How 'horrible' will it be if a disaster strikes them because of what their hands have done, then they come to you swearing by Allah,

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بَصِيرًا ﴿٥٩﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ  
وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنْ  
تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ  
إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ  
خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا ﴿٦٠﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ  
يَزْعُمُونَ أَنَّهُمْ آمَنُوا بِمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ  
مِنْ قَبْلِكَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَتَحَاكَمُوا إِلَى الطَّاغُوتِ  
وَقَدْ أُمِرُوا أَنْ يَكْفُرُوا بِهِ وَيُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ  
أَنْ يُضِلَّهُمْ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا ﴿٦١﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا  
إِلَى مَا أُنْزِلَ اللَّهُ وَإِلَى الرَّسُولِ رَأَيْتَ الْمُنَافِقِينَ  
يَصُدُّونَ عَنْكَ صُدُودًا ﴿٦٢﴾ فَكَيْفَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمْ  
مُصِيبَةٌ بِمَا قَدَّمَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ ثُمَّ جَاءُوكَ  
يَحْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ أَرْدَنَّا إِلَّا إِحْسَانًا

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وَتَوْفِيقًا ﴿٦٣﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ مَا فِي  
 قُلُوبِهِمْ ۚ فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهُمْ وَعِظْهُمْ وَقُلْ لَهُمْ  
 فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ قَوْلًا بَلِيغًا ﴿٦٤﴾ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ  
 إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ  
 جَاءُوكَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللَّهَ وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمُ الرَّسُولُ  
 لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٦٥﴾ فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ  
 حَتَّىٰ يَخْرُجُوا مِنْكُمْ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ شَمًّا لَا يَجِدُوا فِي  
 أَنْفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِّمَّا قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٦٦﴾ وَلَوْ  
 أَنَا كَتَبْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ أَنِ اقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ أَوِ اخْرُجُوا  
 مِنْ دِيَارِكُمْ مَا فَعَلُوهُ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ مِنْهُمْ ۖ وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ  
 فَعَلُوا مَا يُوعَظُونَ بِهِ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ وَأَشَدَّ  
 تَنْبِيئًا ﴿٦٧﴾ وَإِذَا لَا تَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ لَدُنَّا أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٦٨﴾  
 وَلَهْدَيْنَاهُمْ صِرَاطًا مُسْتَقِيمًا ﴿٦٩﴾ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ

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“We intended nothing but goodwill and reconciliation.” 63. ‘Only’ Allah knows what is in their hearts. So turn away from them, caution them, and give them advice that will shake their very souls.

#### *Obedying the Messenger*

64. We only sent messengers to be obeyed by Allah’s Will. If only those ‘hypocrites’ came to you ‘O Prophet’—after wronging themselves—seeking Allah’s forgiveness and the Messenger prayed for their forgiveness, they would have certainly found Allah ever Accepting of Repentance, Most Merciful.

#### *Unconditional Obedience*

65. But no! By your Lord, they will never be ‘true’ believers until they accept you ‘O Prophet’ as the judge in their disputes, and find no resistance within themselves against your decision and submit wholeheartedly. 66. If We had commanded them to sacrifice themselves or abandon their homes, none would have obeyed except for a few. Had they done what they were advised to do,<sup>204</sup> it would have certainly been far better for them and more reassuring, 67. and We would have granted them a great reward by Our grace 68. and guided them to the Straight Path.

#### *Reward for Obedience*

69. And whoever obeys Allah and

the Messenger will be in the company of those blessed by Allah: the prophets, the people of truth, the martyrs, and the righteous—what honourable company! 70. This is Allah's favour, and Allah fully knows 'who deserves it'.

#### Advice to the Army

71. O believers! Take your precautions and go forth either in groups or together. 72. There will be some among you who will lag behind so that if you face a disaster, they will say, "Allah has blessed us for not being there among them." 73. But if you return with Allah's bounties, they will say—as if there had been no bond between you—"We wish we had been there with them to share the great gain!"

#### Fighting Against Oppression

74. Let those who would sacrifice this life for the Hereafter fight in the cause of Allah. And whoever fights in Allah's cause—whether they achieve martyrdom or victory—We will honour them with a great reward. 75. And what is it with you?

وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ  
مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ  
وَحَسَنَ أُولَٰئِكَ رَفِيقًا ﴿٦٩﴾ ذَلِكَ الْفَضْلُ مِنَ اللَّهِ  
وَكَفَىٰ بِاللهِ عِلِيمًا ﴿٧٠﴾ يَٰٓأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا خُذُوا  
حِذْرَكُمْ فَانْفِرُوا ثُبَاتٍ أَوْ انفِرُوا جَمِيعًا ﴿٧١﴾ وَإِنَّ  
مِنْكُمْ لَمَن لَّيَبْطِئَنَّ ۖ فَإِنْ أَصَابَتْكُمْ مُّصِيبَةٌ قَالِ  
قَدْ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ إِذْ لَمْ أَكُنْ مَعَهُمْ شَهِيدًا ﴿٧٢﴾  
وَلَيْنِ أَصَابَكُمْ فَضْلٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ لَيَقُولَنَّ كَأَن لَّمْ  
تَكُنْ بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَهُ مَوَدَّةٌ يَّلِيَّتَنِي كُنْتُ مَعَهُمْ  
فَافْزُزْ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٧٣﴾ فَلْيُقَاتِلْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ  
الَّذِينَ يَشْرُونَ الدُّنْيَا بِالْآخِرَةِ ۚ وَمَنْ  
يُقَاتِلْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيُقْتَلْ أَوْ يَغْلِبْ فَسَوْفَ  
نُؤْتِيهِ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٧٤﴾ وَمَا لَكُمْ لَا تُقَاتِلُونَ فِي

سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ وَالنِّسَاءِ  
وَالْوِلْدَانِ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ  
الْقَرْيَةِ الظَّالِمِ أَهْلُهَا ۖ وَاجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ  
وَلِيًّا ۖ وَاجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ نَصِيرًا ﴿٥٦﴾  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ الطَّاغُوتِ فَقَاتِلُوا  
أَوْلِيَاءَ الشَّيْطَانِ ۚ إِنَّ كَيْدَ الشَّيْطَانِ كَانَ ضَعِيفًا ﴿٥٧﴾  
أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ قِيلَ لَهُمْ كُفُّوا أَيْدِيَكُمْ  
وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ ۖ فَلَمَّا كُتِبَ عَلَيْهِمُ  
الْقِتَالُ إِذَا فَرِيقٌ مِنْهُمْ يَخْشَوْنَ النَّاسَ كَخَشْيَةِ  
اللَّهِ أَوْ أَشَدَّ خَشْيَةً ۖ وَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا لِمَ كُتِبَتْ  
عَلَيْنَا الْقِتَالُ ۖ لَوْلَا أَخَّرْتَنَا إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ قُلْ  
مَتَاعُ الدُّنْيَا قَلِيلٌ ۖ وَالْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لِّمَنِ اتَّقَىٰ ۚ

You do not fight in the cause of Allah and for oppressed men, women, and children who cry out, "Our Lord! Deliver us from this land of oppressors! Appoint for us a saviour; appoint for us a helper—all by Your grace."

#### *Fighting Satan's Allies*

76. Believers fight for the cause of Allah, whereas disbelievers fight for the cause of the Devil. So fight against Satan's 'evil' forces. Indeed, Satan's schemes are ever weak.

#### *Those Who Cower*

77. Have you 'O Prophet' not seen those who had been told, "Do not fight! Rather, establish prayer and pay alms-tax."? Then once the order came to fight, a group of them feared those 'hostile' people as Allah should be feared—or even more. They said, "Our Lord! Why have You ordered us to fight? If only You had delayed 'the order for' us for a little while!" Say, 'O Prophet,' "The enjoyment of this world is so little, whereas the Hereafter is far better for those mindful 'of Allah'.

And none of you will be wronged 'even by the width of' the thread of a date stone.

### Divine Destiny

78. "Wherever you may be, death will overcome you—even if you were in fortified towers." When something good befalls them, they say, "This is from Allah," but when something evil befalls them, they say, "This is from you." Say, 'O Prophet,' "Both have been destined by Allah." So what is the matter with these people? They can hardly comprehend anything! 79. Whatever good befalls you is from Allah and whatever evil befalls you is from yourself.<sup>205</sup> We have sent you 'O Prophet' as a messenger to 'all' people. And Allah is sufficient as a Witness.

### Obeying the Messenger

80. Whoever obeys the Messenger has truly obeyed Allah. But whoever turns away, then 'know that' We have not sent you 'O Prophet' as a keeper over them. 81. And they say, "We obey," but when they leave you, a group of them would spend the night contradicting what they said. Allah records all their schemes. So turn away from them, and put your trust in Allah. And Allah is sufficient as a Trustee of Affairs.

وَلَا تَظْلَمُونَ فَتِيلًا ﴿٧٨﴾ أَيْنَ مَا تَكُونُوا يَدْرِكَكُمُ  
الْمَوْتُ وَلَوْ كُنْتُمْ فِي بُرُوجٍ مُّشِيدَةٍ ۖ وَإِنْ تُصِبْهُمْ  
حَسَنَةٌ يَقُولُوا هَذِهِ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَإِنْ تُصِبْهُمْ  
سَيِّئَةٌ يَقُولُوا هَذِهِ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ ۖ قُلْ كُلُّ مَنْ عِنْدَ  
اللَّهِ فِيمَالٍ هَؤُلَاءِ الْقَوْمِ لَا يَكَادُونَ يَفْقَهُونَ  
حَدِيثًا ﴿٧٩﴾ مَا أَصَابَكَ مِنْ حَسَنَةٍ فَمِنَ اللَّهِ ۖ وَمَا  
أَصَابَكَ مِنْ سَيِّئَةٍ فَمِنْ نَفْسِكَ ۖ وَأَرْسَلْنَاكَ  
لِلنَّاسِ رَسُولًا ۖ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا ﴿٨٠﴾ مَنْ يُطِيعِ  
الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ ۚ وَمَنْ تَوَلَّى فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ  
عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِظًا ﴿٨١﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ طَاعَةٌ فَإِذَا بَرَزُوا مِنْ  
عِنْدِكَ بَيَّتَ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْهُمْ غَيْرَ الَّذِي تَقُولُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ  
يَكْتُبُ مَا يُبَيِّتُونَ ۚ فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهُمْ وَتَوَكَّلْ  
عَلَى اللَّهِ ۖ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿٨٢﴾ أَفَلَا يَتَذَكَّرُونَ

<sup>205</sup> Both good and evil are destined by Allah. The good comes as Allah's reward for good deeds, whereas the bad comes as Allah's punishment for evil deeds. In some cases, bad things happen to good people to test their faith, or as an atonement for their sins, or as part of a process of replacing something with what is better (e.g., a job or a spouse).



### Reflecting on the Quran

82. Do they not then reflect on the Quran? Had it been from anyone other than Allah, they would have certainly found in it many inconsistencies.

### Spreading Rumours

83. And when they hear news of security or fear,<sup>206</sup> they publicize it. Had they referred it to the Messenger or their authorities, those with sound judgment among them would have validated it. Had it not been for Allah's grace and mercy, you would have followed Satan—except for a few.

### Show of Strength

84. So fight in the cause of Allah 'O Prophet'. You are accountable for none but yourself. And motivate the believers 'to fight', so perhaps Allah will curb the disbelievers' might. And Allah is far superior in might and in punishment.

### Good and Evil Intercession

85. Whoever intercedes for a good cause will have a share in the reward, and whoever intercedes for an evil cause will have a share in the burden. And Allah is Watchful over all things.

### Responding to Greetings

86. And when you are greeted, respond with a better greeting or at least similarly. Surely Allah is a 'vigilant' Reckoner of all things.

الْقُرْآنُ ۖ وَلَوْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ لَوَجَدُوا فِيهِ  
 اخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا ﴿٨٢﴾ وَإِذَا جَاءَهُمْ أَمْرٌ مِنَ الْأَمْنِ  
 أَوِ الْخَوْفِ أَذَاعُوا بِهِ ۖ وَلَوْ رَدُّوهُ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ  
 وَإِلَى أُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْهُمْ لَعَلِمَهُ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَنْبِطُونَهُ  
 مِنْهُمْ ۖ وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ لَاتَّبَعْتُمُ  
 الشَّيْطَانَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٨٣﴾ فَقَاتِلْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَا  
 تُكَلِّفُ إِلَّا نَفْسَكَ وَحَرِّضِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۚ عَسَى اللَّهُ  
 أَنْ يَكُفَّ بَأْسَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۚ وَاللَّهُ أَشَدُّ بَأْسًا وَأَشَدُّ  
 تَنْكِيلًا ﴿٨٤﴾ مَنْ يَشْفَعْ شَفَاعَةً حَسَنَةً يَكُنْ لَهُ  
 نَصِيبٌ مِّنْهَا ۚ وَمَنْ يَشْفَعْ شَفَاعَةً سَيِّئَةً يَكُنْ  
 لَهُ كِفْلٌ مِّنْهَا ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُّقِيبًا ﴿٨٥﴾  
 وَإِذَا حِيلَتْكُمْ بَٰتِحِيَّةٌ فَحَيُّوا بِأَحْسَنِ مِنْهَا أَوْ رُدُّوهَا ۚ  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَسِيبًا ﴿٨٦﴾ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

## Assembly for Judgment Day

87. Allah, there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. He will certainly gather 'all of' you together on the Day of Judgment—about which there is no doubt. And whose word is more truthful than Allah's?

## Stance on Hypocrites

88. Why are you 'believers' divided into two groups regarding the hypocrites while Allah allowed them to regress 'to disbelief' because of their misdeeds? Do you wish to guide those left by Allah to stray? And whoever Allah leaves to stray, you will never find for them a way. 89. They wish you would disbelieve as they have disbelieved, so you may all be alike. So do not take them as allies unless they emigrate in the cause of Allah. But if they turn away, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them, and do not take any of them as allies or helpers,<sup>207</sup> 90. except those who are allies of a people you are bound with in a treaty or those wholeheartedly opposed to fighting either you or their own people. If Allah had willed, He would have empowered them to fight you.

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إِلَّا هُوَ لِيَجْمَعَنَّكُمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ ۚ  
وَمَنْ أَصْدَقُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حَدِيثًا ۝٨٧ فَمَا لَكُمْ فِي  
الْمُنَافِقِينَ فِتْنَةً وَاللَّهُ أَرْكَسَهُمْ بِمَا كَسَبُوا ۚ  
أَتُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَهْدُوا مَنْ أَضَلَّ اللَّهُ ۚ وَمَنْ يُضِلِلِ  
اللَّهُ فَلَئِنْ تَجَدَّدَ لَهُ سَبِيلًا ۝٨٨ وَدُّوا لَوْ تَكْفُرُونَ  
كَمَا كَفَرُوا فَتَكُونُونَ سَوَاءً فَلَا تَتَّخِذُوا مِنْهُمْ  
أَوْلِيَاءَ حَتَّى يُهَاجَرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۚ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا  
فَخُذُوهُمْ وَاقْتُلُوهُمْ حَيْثُ وَجَدْتُمُوهُمْ ۚ وَلَا  
تَتَّخِذُوا مِنْهُمْ وَلِيًّا وَلَا نَصِيرًا ۝٨٩ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ  
يَصِلُونَ إِلَى قَوْمٍ بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَهُمْ مِيثَاقٌ أَوْ جَاءُوكُمْ  
حَصْرَتِ صُدُورُهُمْ أَنْ يَقَاتِلُوكُمْ أَوْ يَنْتَهِزُوا  
قَوْمَهُمْ ۚ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَسَاطَهُمْ عَلَيْكُمْ فَذَلَقْتُمُوهُمْ ۚ  
فَإِنْ اعْتَزَلُوكُمْ فَلَمْ يَقَاتِلُوكُمْ وَأَلْقَوْا إِلَيْكُمُ

السَّلَامَ

مَنْزِلٌ

<sup>207</sup> The verse discusses a group of people who nominally became Muslims and secretly supported the enemies of Muslims. For those hypocrites to prove their loyalty, they were commanded to emigrate and join the ranks of the believers, or they would be considered enemies.

السَّلَامَ فَمَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ سَبِيلًا ۝  
 سَتَجِدُونَ آخَرِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَأْمَنُواكُمْ  
 وَيَأْمَنُوا قَوْمَهُمْ ۖ كُلًّا رَدُّوْا إِلَى الْفِتْنَةِ أُرْكَسُوا  
 فِيهَا ۚ فَإِنْ لَّمْ يَعْتَزِلُوكُمْ وَيُلْقُوا إِلَيْكُمْ السَّلَامَ  
 وَيَكْفُوا أَيْدِيَهُمْ فَاخْذُوهُمْ وَأَقْبِلُوهُمْ حَيْثُ  
 تَقِفْتُمُوهُمْ ۖ وَأُولَٰئِكَ جَعَلْنَا لَكُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَانًا  
 مُّبِينًا ۝ وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ أَنْ يَقتُلَ مُؤْمِنًا إِلَّا  
 خَطَا ۚ وَمَنْ قَتَلَ مُؤْمِنًا خَطَاً فَتَحْرِيرُ رَقَبَةٍ  
 مُّؤْمِنَةٍ وَدِيَةٌ مُّسَلَّمَةٌ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ  
 يَصَدَّقُوا ۖ فَإِنْ كَانَ مِنْ قَوْمٍ عَدُوٍّ لَكُمْ وَهُوَ  
 مُّؤْمِنٌ فَتَحْرِيرُ رَقَبَةٍ مُّؤْمِنَةٍ ۖ وَإِنْ كَانَ  
 مِنْ قَوْمٍ بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَهُمْ مِّيثَاقٌ فَدِيَةٌ  
 مُّسَلَّمَةٌ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ وَتَحْرِيرُ رَقَبَةٍ مُّؤْمِنَةٍ ۚ

So if they refrain from fighting you and offer you peace, then Allah does not permit you to harm them. 91. You will find others who wish to be safe from you and their own people. Yet they cannot resist the temptation 'of disbelief or hostility'. If they do not keep away, offer you peace, or refrain from attacking you, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them. We have given you full permission over such people.

#### *Killing a Believer Unintentionally*

92. It is not lawful for a believer to kill another except by mistake. And whoever kills a believer unintentionally must free a believing slave and pay blood-money to the victim's family—unless they waive it charitably. But if the victim is a believer from a hostile people, then a believing slave must be freed. And if the victim is from a people bound with you in a treaty, then blood-money must be paid to the family along with freeing a believing slave.

Those who are unable, let them fast two consecutive months—as a means of repentance to Allah. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### *Killing a Believer Intentionally*

93. And whoever kills a believer intentionally, their reward will be Hell—where they will stay indefinitely.<sup>208</sup> Allah will be displeased with them, condemn them, and will prepare for them a tremendous punishment.

#### *Random Fighting*

94. O believers! When you struggle in the cause of Allah, be sure of who you fight. And do not say to those who offer you 'greetings of' peace, "You are no believer!"—seeking a fleeting worldly gain.<sup>209</sup> Instead, Allah has infinite bounties 'in store'. You were initially like them then Allah blessed you 'with Islam'. So be sure! Indeed, Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

#### *Struggling in Allah's Cause*

95. Those who stay at home—except those with valid excuses<sup>210</sup>—are not equal to those who strive in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives. Allah has elevated in rank those who strive with their wealth and their lives above those who stay behind 'with valid excuses'.

فَمَنْ لَّمْ يَجِدْ فَصِيَامُ شَهْرَيْنِ مُتَتَابِعَيْنِ تَوْبَةً مِّنَ اللَّهِ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا ﴿٩٣﴾ وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُّتَعَمِّدًا فَجَزَاؤُهُ جَهَنَّمُ خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَعَنَهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُ عَذَابًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٩٤﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا ضَرَبْتُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَتَبَيَّنُوا وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ أَلْفَى إِلَيْكُمْ السَّلَامَ لَسْتَ مُؤْمِنًا تَبْتَغُونَ عَرَضَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا فَعِنْدَ اللَّهِ مَغَانِمُ كَثِيرَةٌ ۖ كَذَلِكَ كُنْتُمْ مِّن قَبْلُ فَمَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ فَتَبَيَّنُوا ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴿٩٥﴾ لَا يَسْتَوِي الْقَاعِدُونَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ غَيْرُ أُولِي الضَّرَرِ وَالْمُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ الْمُجَاهِدِينَ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ

208 If a Muslim commits a major sin (such as intentional killing or adultery) and dies without repenting, they will be punished in Hell according to the severity or magnitude of the sin, then eventually be taken out of Hell. No Muslim will stay in Hell forever.

209 i.e., spoils of war.

210 This includes women, the elderly, the sick, etc.



عَلَى الْقُعْدِينَ دَرَجَةً ط وَكُلًّا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ  
 الْحُسْنَى ط وَفَضَّلَ اللَّهُ الْمُجَاهِدِينَ عَلَى الْقُعْدِينَ  
 أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٩٥﴾ دَرَجَاتٍ مِّنْهُ وَمَغْفِرَةً وَرَحْمَةً ط  
 وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ﴿٩٦﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَوَفَّاهُمُ  
 الْمَلَائِكَةُ ظَالِمِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ قَالُوا فِيمَ كُنْتُمْ ط  
 قَالُوا كُنَّا مُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ ط قَالُوا أَلَمْ  
 تَكُنْ أَرْضُ اللَّهِ وَاسِعَةً فَتُهَاجِرُوا فِيهَا ط  
 فَأُولَٰئِكَ مَأْوَاهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ ط وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا ﴿٩٧﴾  
 إِلَّا الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ وَالنِّسَاءِ  
 وَالْوِلْدَانِ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ حِيلَةً وَلَا يَهْتَدُونَ  
 سَبِيلًا ﴿٩٨﴾ فَأُولَٰئِكَ عَسَى اللَّهُ أَنْ يَغْفُو عَنْهُمْ ط  
 وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا عَفُورًا ﴿٩٩﴾ وَمَنْ يُهَاجِرْ فِي  
 سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يَجِدْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُرْعَمًا كَثِيرًا

Allah has promised each a fine reward, but those who strive will receive a far better reward than others— 96. far superior ranks, forgiveness, and mercy from Him. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### *Yielding to Oppression*

97. When the angels seize the souls of those who have wronged themselves<sup>211</sup>—scolding them, “What is wrong with you?” they will reply, “We were oppressed in the land.” The angels will respond, “Was Allah’s earth not spacious enough for you to emigrate?” It is they who will have Hell as their home—what an evil destination! 98. Except helpless men, women, and children who cannot afford a way out— 99. it is right to hope that Allah will pardon them. For Allah is Ever-Pardoning, All-Forgiving.

#### *Migrating in Allah’s Cause*

100. Whoever emigrates in the cause of Allah will find many safe havens and bountiful resources throughout the earth.

211 This verse refers to some of those who had accepted Islam secretly in Mecca but refused to emigrate to Medina along with the rest of the believers. Some of them were killed in the Battle of Badr when they were rallied by the Meccans to fight against the Muslims. The verse also applies to any Muslim who accepts abuse and refuses to move to another place where they can live with dignity and practice their faith freely.

Those who leave their homes and die while emigrating to Allah and His Messenger—their reward has already been secured with Allah. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

### Shortening Prayers

101. When you travel through the land, it is permissible for you to shorten the prayer<sup>212</sup>—‘especially’ if you fear an attack by the disbelievers. Indeed, the disbelievers are your sworn enemies.

### Praying in a State of Fear

102. When you ‘O Prophet’ are ‘campaigning’ with them and you lead them in prayer, let one group of them pray with you—while armed. When they prostrate themselves, let the other group stand guard behind them. Then the group that has not yet prayed will then join you in prayer—and let them be vigilant and armed.<sup>213</sup> The disbelievers would wish to see you neglect your weapons and belongings, so they could launch a sweeping assault on you.

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وَسَعَةً ۖ وَمَنْ يَخْرُجْ مِنْ بَيْتِهِ مُهَاجِرًا إِلَى  
 اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ يُدْرِكُهُ الْمَوْتُ فَقَدْ وَقَعَ  
 أَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ۝  
 وَإِذَا ضَرَبْتُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ  
 أَنْ تَقْصُرُوا مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ ۖ إِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَنْ يَفْتِنَكُمُ  
 الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۖ إِنَّ الْكَافِرِينَ كَانُوا لَكُمْ عَدُوًّا  
 مُبِينًا ۝ وَإِذَا كُنْتَ فِيهِمْ فَأَقَمْتَ لَهُمُ الصَّلَاةَ  
 فَلْتَقُمْ طَافِئَةً مِنْهُمْ مَعَكَ وَلِيَاخِذُوا أَسْلِحَتَهُمْ ۚ  
 فَإِذَا سَجَدُوا فَلْيَكُونُوا مِنْ وَرَائِكُمْ ۚ وَلْتَأْتِ  
 طَافِئَةٌ أُخْرَى لَمْ يُصَلُّوا فَلْيُصَلُّوا مَعَكَ  
 وَلِيَاخِذُوا حِذْرَهُمْ وَأَسْلِحَتَهُمْ ۚ وَدَّ الَّذِينَ  
 كَفَرُوا لَوْ تَغْفُلُونَ عَنْ أَسْلِحَتِكُمْ وَأَمْتِعَتِكُمْ  
 فَيَمِيلُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ مَيْلَةً وَاحِدَةً ۖ وَلَا جُنَاحَ

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212 Generally, it is permissible for Muslims who are travelling a distance of 85 km or more to shorten their prayers. A four-unit prayer is reduced to two.

213 When the first group prays, the second group stands guard behind them, then the first group withdraws to the back when they finish their prayers and stand guard when the second group moves up to pray.

عَلَيْكُمْ إِنْ كَانَ بِكُمْ أَذًى مِّنْ مَّطَرٍ أَوْ كُنْتُمْ  
مَّرْضَىٰ أَنْ تَضَعُوا أَسْلِحَتَكُمْ ۖ وَخُذُوا حِذْرَكُمْ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَعَدَّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُّهِينًا ﴿١٠٣﴾ فَإِذَا  
قَضَيْتُمُ الصَّلَاةَ فَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ قِيَمًا وَقَعُودًا  
وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِكُمْ ۖ فَإِذَا اطْمَأْنَنْتُمْ فَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ ۚ  
إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَّوْقُوتًا ﴿١٠٤﴾  
وَلَا تَهِنُوا فِي ابْتِغَاءِ الْقَوْمِ ۗ إِنْ تَكُونُوا تَأْلَمُونَ  
فَإِنَّهُمْ يَأْلَمُونَ كَمَا تَأْلَمُونَ ۚ وَتَرْجُونَ مِنَ اللَّهِ  
مَا لَا يَرْجُونَ ۗ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا ﴿١٠٥﴾ إِنَّا  
أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ لِتَحْكُمَ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ  
بِمَا أَرَبَكَ اللَّهُ ۗ وَلَا تَكُنْ لِلْخَائِنِينَ خَصِيمًا ﴿١٠٦﴾  
وَاسْتَغْفِرِ اللَّهَ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ﴿١٠٧﴾  
وَلَا تُجَادِلْ عَنِ الَّذِينَ يَخْتَانُونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ ۗ إِنَّ

But there is no blame if you lay aside your weapons when overcome by heavy rain or illness—but take precaution. Indeed, Allah has prepared a humiliating punishment for the disbelievers. 103. When the prayers are over, remember Allah—whether you are standing, sitting, or lying down. But when you are secure, establish regular prayers. Indeed, performing prayers is a duty on the believers at the appointed times.

#### *Diligence Against the Enemy*

104. Do not falter in pursuit of the enemy—if you are suffering, they too are suffering. But you can hope to receive from Allah what they can never hope for. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### *Justice to a Jew<sup>214</sup>*

105. Indeed, We have sent down the Book to you 'O Prophet' in truth to judge between people by means of what Allah has shown you. So do not be an advocate for the deceitful. 106. And seek Allah's forgiveness—indeed, Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 107. Do not advocate for those who wrong themselves.<sup>215</sup>

214 Verses 105-112 were revealed in defence of Zaid ibn As-Samīn, a Jewish man, who was falsely accused of theft. A shield was stolen by a Muslim named Tu'mah ibn Obairaq and entrusted to Zaid. Tu'mah's family rushed to his defence and accused Zaid of the crime. They also tried to influence Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) to make a decision in favour of Tu'mah and punish the Jew, but the verses were soon revealed declaring Zaid's innocence.

215 lit.. deceive themselves.

Surely Allah does not like those who are deceitful, sinful. 108. They try to hide 'their deception' from people, but they can never hide it from Allah—in Whose presence they plot by night what is displeasing to Him. And Allah is Fully Aware of what they do. 109. Here you are! You 'believers' are advocating for them in this life, but who will 'dare to' advocate for them before Allah on the Day of Judgment? Or who will come to their defence?

#### After Sin

110. Whoever commits evil or wrongs themselves then seeks Allah's forgiveness will certainly find Allah All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 111. And whoever commits a sin—it is only to their own loss. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. 112. And whoever commits an evil or sinful deed then blames it on an innocent person, they will definitely bear the guilt of slander and blatant sin.

#### Allah's Grace to the Prophet

113. Had it not been for Allah's grace and mercy, a group of them would have sought to deceive you 'O Prophet'.

اللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ مَنْ كَانَ خَوَّانًا أَثِيمًا ١٠٨ يَسْتَخْفُونَ  
مِنَ النَّاسِ وَلَا يَسْتَخْفُونَ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَهُوَ مَعَهُمْ  
إِذْ يُبَيِّتُونَ مَا لَا يَرْضَى مِنَ الْقَوْلِ ١٠٩ وَكَانَ  
اللَّهُ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطًا ١١٠ هَآنَتْكُمْ هَؤُلَاءِ جَادَلْتُمْ  
عَنْهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا فَمَنْ يُجَادِلُ اللَّهَ  
عَنْهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ أَمْ مَنْ يَكُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَكِيلًا ١١١  
وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ سَوْءًا أَوْ يظَلْمْ نَفْسَهُ ثُمَّ يَسْتَغْفِرِ  
اللَّهُ يَجِدِ اللَّهَ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ١١٢ وَمَنْ يَكْسِبْ  
إِثْمًا فَإِنَّمَا يَكْسِبْهُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ ١١٣ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ  
عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا ١١٤ وَمَنْ يَكْسِبْ خَطِيئَةً أَوْ إِثْمًا ثُمَّ  
يَرْمِ بِهِ بَرِيئًا فَقَدْ احْتَمَلَ بُهْتَانًا وَإِثْمًا مُبِينًا ١١٥  
وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَتُهُ لَهَمَّتْ  
طَآئِفَةٌ مِّنْهُمْ أَنْ يُّضِلُّوكَ ١١٦ وَمَا يُضِلُّونَ إِلَّا

أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَصُرُّونَكَ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۖ وَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ  
 عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَعَلِمَكَ مَا لَمْ تَكُنْ  
 تَعْلَمُ ۖ وَكَانَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ عَظِيمًا ﴿١١٢﴾ لَاحِزٍ  
 فِي كَثِيرٍ مِّنْ نَّجْوَاهُمْ إِلَّا مَنْ أَمَرَ بِصَدَقَةٍ أَوْ  
 مَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ إِصْلَاحٍ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ ۖ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ  
 ذَلِكَ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ فَسَوْفَ نُوْتِيهِ أَجْرًا  
 عَظِيمًا ﴿١١٣﴾ وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا  
 تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
 نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصْلِهِ جَهَنَّمَ ۖ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا ﴿١١٤﴾  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ  
 ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ۖ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ  
 ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا ﴿١١٥﴾ إِنْ يَدْعُونَ مِن دُونِهِ إِلَّا إِنثَاءً  
 وَإِنْ يَدْعُونَ إِلَّا شَيْطَانًا مَّرِيدًا ﴿١١٦﴾ لَّعَنَهُ اللَّهُ

وَقَالَ لَا تَجِدَنَّ

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Yet they would deceive none but themselves, nor can they harm you in the least. Allah has revealed to you the Book and wisdom and taught you what you never knew. Great 'indeed' is Allah's favour upon you!

### Secret Talks

114. There is no good in most of their secret talks—except those encouraging charity, kindness, or reconciliation between people. And whoever does this seeking Allah's pleasure, We will grant them a great reward.

### Opposing the Messenger

115. And whoever defies the Messenger after guidance has become clear to them and follows a path other than that of the believers, We will let them pursue what they have chosen, then burn them in Hell—what an evil end!

### Unforgivable Sin

116. Surely Allah does not forgive associating 'others' with Him 'in worship',<sup>216</sup> but forgives anything else of whoever He wills. Indeed, whoever associates 'others' with Allah has clearly gone far astray.

### Satan's Allies

117. Instead of Allah, they only invoke female gods<sup>217</sup> and they 'actually' invoke none but a rebellious Satan— 118. cursed by Allah—

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وَقَالَ لَا تَجِدَنَّ

216 This applies to those who die in a state of disbelief in Allah. But those who repent before their death and mend their ways, their repentance will be accepted (see 25:68-70).

217 The pagans of Arabia used to give their idols feminine forms and names such as *Al-Lât*, *Al-'Uzza*, and *Manât*.

who said, "I will surely take hold of a certain number of Your servants. 119. I will certainly mislead them and delude them with empty hopes. Also, I will order them and they will slit the ears of cattle<sup>218</sup> and alter Allah's creation." And whoever takes Satan as a guardian instead of Allah has certainly suffered a tremendous loss. 120. Satan only makes them 'false' promises and deludes them with 'empty' hopes. Truly Satan promises them nothing but delusion. 121. It is they who will have Hell as their home, and they will find no escape from it!

#### Reward of the Believers

122. And those who believe and do good, We will soon admit them into Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there for ever and ever. Allah's promise is 'always' true. And whose word is more truthful than Allah's?

#### Doing, Not Wishing

123. 'Divine grace is' neither by your wishes nor those of the People of the Book! Whoever commits evil will be rewarded accordingly, and they will find no protector or helper besides Allah. 124. But those who do good—whether male or female—

وَقَالَ لَا تَخْذَنْ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ نَصِيبًا مَّفْرُوضًا ۙ  
وَلَا ضَلَّتْهُمْ وَلَا مُنِيبَتْهُمْ وَلَا مَرْتَهُمْ فَلْيَبْتَكَنْ  
إِذَانَ الْأَنْعَامِ وَلَا مَرْتَهُمْ فَلْيَغَيِّرَنَّ خَلْقَ اللَّهِ  
وَمَنْ يَتَّخِذِ الشَّيْطَانَ وَلِيًّا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ  
خَسِرَ خُسْرَانًا مُبِينًا ۝١١٩ يَعِدُّهُمْ وَيُمِدِّيهِمْ ۖ وَمَا  
يَعِدُّهُمْ الشَّيْطَانُ إِلَّا غُرُورًا ۝١٢٠ أُولَٰئِكَ مَا لَهُمْ  
جَهَنَّمُ ز وَلَا يَجِدُونَ عَنْهَا مَحِيصًا ۝١٢١ وَالَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَنُدْخِلُهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي  
مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۖ وَعَدَ اللَّهُ  
حَقًّا ۖ وَمَنْ أَصْدَقُ مِنَ اللَّهِ قِيلًا ۝١٢٢ لَيْسَ  
بِأَمَانِيِّكُمْ وَلَا أَمَانِي أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ ۖ مَنْ يَعْمَلْ  
سُوءًا يُجْزَ بِهِ ۖ وَلَا يَجِدْ لَهُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلِيًّا  
وَلَا نَصِيرًا ۝١٢٣ وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِنَ الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ

أَوْ أَنْتَ

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<sup>218</sup> Slitting the ears of cattle dedicated to idols was a superstitious practice before Islam.

أَوْ أَنْتِ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَٰئِكَ يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ  
وَلَا يُظْلَمُونَ نَقِيرًا ﴿١٢٥﴾ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ دِينًا مِّمَّنْ  
أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ وَاتَّبَعَ مِلَّةَ  
إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا ۖ وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا ﴿١٢٦﴾  
وَاللَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ وَكَانَ  
اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُّحِيطًا ﴿١٢٧﴾ وَيَسْتَفْتُونَكَ فِي  
النِّسَاءِ ۖ قُلِ اللَّهُ يُفْتِيكُمْ فِيهِنَّ ۚ وَمَا يُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْكُمْ  
فِي الْكِتَابِ فِي يَتِمِّ النِّسَاءِ الَّتِي لَا تَوْلُونَهُنَّ  
مَا كُتِبَ لَهُنَّ وَتَرْغَبُونَ أَنْ تَنْكِحُوهُنَّ  
وَالْمُسْتَضْعِفِينَ مِنَ الْوُلْدِ ۖ إِنْ تَقُومُوا لِلْيَتَمٰى  
بِالْقِسْطِ ۖ وَمَا تَفَعَّلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ  
بِهِ عَلِيمًا ﴿١٢٨﴾ وَإِنْ امْرَأَةٌ خَافَتْ مِنْ بَعْلِهَا  
نَشُوزًا أَوْ إِعْرَاضًا فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِمَا أَنْ يُصْلِحَا

بَيْنَهُمَا صُلْحًا

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and have faith will enter Paradise and will never be wronged 'even as much as' the speck on a date stone.

#### Abraham's Way

125. And who is better in faith than those who 'fully' submit themselves to Allah, do good, and follow the Way of Abraham, the upright? Allah chose Abraham as a close friend. 126. To Allah 'alone' belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And Allah is Fully Aware of everything.

#### Caring for Female Orphans

127. They ask you 'O Prophet' regarding women. Say, "It is Allah Who instructs you regarding them. Instruction has 'already' been revealed in the Book<sup>219</sup> concerning the orphan women you deprive of their due rights<sup>220</sup> but still wish to marry, also helpless children, as well as standing up for orphans' rights. And whatever good you do is certainly well known to Allah."

#### Reconciling Married Couples

128. If a woman fears indifference or neglect from her husband, there is no blame on either of them if they seek 'fair' settlement, which is best.

219 This refers to verses 2-11 of this sūrah.

220 i.e., their inheritance and dowries.

Humans are ever inclined to selfishness.<sup>221</sup> But if you are gracious and mindful 'of Allah', surely Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

#### *Maintaining Justice Among Wives*

129. You will never be able to maintain 'emotional' justice between your wives—no matter how keen you are. So do not totally incline towards one leaving the other in suspense.<sup>222</sup> And if you do what is right and are mindful 'of Allah', surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 130. But if they choose to separate, Allah will enrich both of them from His bounties. And Allah is Ever-Bountiful, All-Wise.

#### *Allah's Might and Grace*

131. To Allah 'alone' belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Indeed, We have commanded those given the Scripture before you, as well as you, to be mindful of Allah. But if you disobey, then 'know that' to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. And Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy. 132. To Allah 'alone' belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And Allah is sufficient as a Trustee of Affairs. 133. If it is His Will, He can remove you altogether, O humanity, and replace you with others.

بَيْنَهُمَا صُلْحًا وَالصُّلْحُ خَيْرٌ ۖ وَأُحْضِرَتِ الْأَنْفُسُ  
الشَّحَ ۖ وَإِنْ تُحْسِنُوا وَتَتَّقُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا  
تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴿١٢٩﴾ وَلَنْ تَسْتَطِيعُوا أَنْ تَعْدِلُوا بَيْنَ  
النِّسَاءِ وَلَوْ حَرَصْتُمْ فَلَا تَمِيلُوا كُلَّ الْمِيلِ فَتَدْرُوهَا  
كَالْبُعْلَقَةِ ۖ وَإِنْ تُصْلِحُوا وَتَتَّقُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ  
كَانَ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿١٣٠﴾ وَإِنْ يَتَفَرَّقَا يُغْنِ اللَّهُ كُلًّا  
مِّنْ سَعَتِهِ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ وَاسِعًا حَكِيمًا ﴿١٣١﴾ وَلِلَّهِ مَا  
فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَلَقَدْ وَصَّيْنَا الَّذِينَ  
أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ أَنْ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۖ  
وَإِنْ تَكْفُرُوا فَإِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ  
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَنِيًّا حَمِيدًا ﴿١٣٢﴾ وَلِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ  
وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿١٣٣﴾ إِنَّ يَشَاءُ  
يُذْهِبْكُمْ أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ وَيَأْتِ بِآخَرِينَ ۖ وَكَانَ

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221 This implies that many husbands and wives are unwilling to give the other their rights.

222 Do not leave one hanging—not fully enjoying the rights of a married woman and not fully divorced.



اللَّهُ عَلَى ذَلِكَ قَدِيرًا ﴿١٣٤﴾ مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ ثَوَابَ  
 الدُّنْيَا فَعِنْدَ اللَّهِ ثَوَابُ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَكَانَ  
 اللَّهُ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا ﴿١٣٥﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا  
 قَوِّمِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِكُمْ  
 أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ ۚ إِنْ يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا  
 فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِمَا ۖ فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىٰ أَنْ تَعْدِلُوا ۚ  
 وَإِنْ تَلَوْا أَوْ تَعْرَضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ  
 خَبِيرًا ﴿١٣٦﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا آمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَ  
 رَسُولِهِ ۚ وَالْكِتَابَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ عَلَىٰ رَسُولِهِ ۚ وَالْكِتَابَ  
 الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۚ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ  
 وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا  
 بَعِيدًا ﴿١٣٧﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ثُمَّ كَفَرُوا ثُمَّ آمَنُوا ثُمَّ  
 كَفَرُوا ثُمَّ أَزْدَادُوا كُفْرًا ۚ لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ لِيُغْفِرَ لَهُمْ

And Allah is Most Capable to do so.  
 134. Whoever desires the reward of  
 this world, then "let them know that"  
 with Allah are the rewards of this  
 world and the Hereafter. And Allah  
 is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

#### Standing up for Justice

135. O believers! Stand firm for jus-  
 tice as witnesses for Allah even if it  
 is against yourselves, your parents, or  
 close relatives. Be they rich or poor,  
 Allah is best to ensure their interests.  
 So do not let your desires cause you  
 to deviate "from justice". If you dis-  
 tort the testimony or refuse to give  
 it, then "know that" Allah is certainly  
 All-Aware of what you do.

#### True Belief

136. O believers! Have faith in Al-  
 lah, His Messenger, the Book He  
 has revealed to His Messenger, and  
 the Scriptures He revealed before.  
 Indeed, whoever denies Allah, His  
 angels, His Books, His messen-  
 gers, and the Last Day has clearly  
 gone far astray.

#### Warning Against Hypocrites

137. Indeed, those who believed then  
 disbelieved, then believed and again  
 disbelieved—"only" increasing in  
 disbelief—

Allah will neither forgive them nor guide them to the "Right" Way. 138. Give good news of a painful punishment to hypocrites, 139. who choose disbelievers as allies instead of the believers. Do they seek honour and power through that company? Surely all honour and power belongs to Allah.

#### Shunning Ridiculers

140. He has already revealed to you in the Book that when you hear Allah's revelations being denied or ridiculed, then do not sit in that company unless they engage in a different topic, or else you will be like them.<sup>223</sup> Surely Allah will gather the hypocrites and disbelievers all together in Hell.

#### Hypocritical Stance

141. "The hypocrites are" those who wait to see what happens to you. So if Allah grants you victory, they say 'to you', "Were we not on your side?" But if the disbelievers have a share 'of victory', they say 'to them', "Did we not have the advantage over you, yet we protected you from the believers?" Allah will judge between 'all of' you on the Day of Judgment. And Allah will never grant the disbelievers a way over the believers.

#### Qualities of the Hypocrites

142. Surely the hypocrites seek to deceive Allah,

وَلَا يَهْدِيهِمْ سَبِيلًا ﴿١٣٨﴾ بُشِّرِ الْمُنَافِقِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُمْ  
عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ﴿١٣٩﴾ الَّذِينَ يَتَّخِذُونَ الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ  
مِنْ دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَتَبْتَغُونَ عِنْدَهُمُ الْعِزَّةَ  
فَإِنَّ الْعِزَّةَ لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا ﴿١٤٠﴾ وَقَدْ نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي  
الْكِتَابِ أَنْ إِذَا سَمِعْتُمْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ يُكْفَرُ بِهَا  
وَيُسْتَهْزَأُ بِهَا فَلَا تَقْعُدُوا مَعَهُمْ حَتَّى يَخُوضُوا  
فِي حَدِيثٍ غَيْرِهِمْ إِنَّكُمْ إِذَا مِثْلُهُمْ ط إِنَّ اللَّهَ جَامِعُ  
الْمُنَافِقِينَ وَالْكَافِرِينَ فِي جَهَنَّمَ جَمِيعًا ﴿١٤١﴾ الَّذِينَ  
يَتَرَبَّصُونَ بِكُمْ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فَتْحٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ قَالُوا  
الْمَنَكُنْ مَّعَكُمْ ط وَإِنْ كَانَ لِلْكَافِرِينَ نَصِيبٌ قَالُوا  
الْمَنَسْتَحِوْذُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَنَمْنَعُكُم مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ط فَاللَّهُ  
يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ط وَلَنُجْعَلَ اللَّهُ لِلْكَافِرِينَ  
عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ سَبِيلًا ﴿١٤٢﴾ إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ يُخَدِّعُونَ

اللَّهُ وَهُوَ

مَنْزِلُ ١

اللَّهُ وَهُوَ خَادِعُهُمْ ۖ وَإِذَا قَامُوا إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ قَامُوا  
 كُسَالَى ۖ يُرَاءُونَ النَّاسَ وَلَا يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ إِلَّا  
 قَلِيلًا ﴿١٢١﴾ مَذْذَبَيْنَ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ ۖ لَا إِلَى هَؤُلَاءِ  
 وَلَا إِلَى هَؤُلَاءِ ۖ وَمَنْ يُضْلِلِ اللَّهُ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ  
 سَبِيلًا ﴿١٢٢﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا  
 الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۚ أَتُرِيدُونَ  
 أَنْ تَجْعَلُوا لِلَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ سُلْطَانًا مُبِينًا ﴿١٢٣﴾ إِنَّ  
 الْمُنَافِقِينَ فِي الدَّرَكِ الْأَسْفَلِ مِنَ النَّارِ وَلَنْ  
 تَجِدَ لَهُمْ نَصِيرًا ﴿١٢٤﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَأَصْلَحُوا  
 وَاعْتَصَمُوا بِاللَّهِ وَأَخْلَصُوا دِينَهُمْ لِلَّهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ  
 مَعَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۖ وَسَوْفَ يُؤْتِي اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
 أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿١٢٥﴾ مَا يَفْعَلُ اللَّهُ بِعَذَابِكُمْ إِنْ  
 شَكَرْتُمْ وَآمَنْتُمْ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ شَاكِرًا عَلِيمًا ﴿١٢٦﴾

but He outwits them. When they stand up for prayer, they do it half-heartedly only to be seen by people—hardly remembering Allah at all. 143. Torn between belief and disbelief—belonging neither to these ‘believers’ nor those ‘disbelievers’. And whoever Allah leaves to stray, you will never find for them a way.

#### Unacceptable Guardianship

144. O believers! Do not take disbelievers as allies instead of the believers. Would you like to give Allah solid proof against yourselves?

#### Reward of Hypocrites

145. Surely the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of the Fire—and you will never find for them any helper— 146. except those who repent, mend their ways, hold fast to Allah, and are sincere in their devotion to Allah; they will be with the believers. And Allah will grant the believers a great reward. 147. Why should Allah punish you if you are grateful and faithful? Allah is ever Appreciative, All-Knowing.

*Negativity in Public*

148. Allah does not like negative thoughts to be voiced—except by those who have been wronged.<sup>224</sup> Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 149. Whether you reveal or conceal a good or pardon an evil—surely Allah is Ever-Pardoning, Most Capable.

*Faith in All Prophets*

150. Surely those who deny Allah and His messengers and wish to make a distinction between Allah and His messengers,<sup>225</sup> saying, “We believe in some and disbelieve in others,” desiring to forge a compromise, 151. they are indeed the true disbelievers. And We have prepared for the disbelievers a humiliating punishment. 152. As for those who believe in Allah and His messengers—accepting all; rejecting none—He will surely give them their rewards. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

*Moses and the Children of Israel*

153. The People of the Book demand that you ‘O Prophet’ bring down for them a revelation in writing from heaven.<sup>226</sup> They demanded what is even greater than this from Moses, saying, “Make Allah visible to us!”

الْأَنْبِيَاءِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ (١٣١)

ع ١

لَا يُحِبُّ اللَّهُ الْجَهْرَ بِالسُّوءِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ إِلَّا مَنْ ظَلِمَ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ سَمِيعًا عَلِيمًا ﴿١٤٨﴾  
 أَوْ تَخْفَوْهُ أَوْ تَعْفَوْا عَنْ سُوءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَفُوًّا قَدِيرًا ﴿١٤٩﴾  
 إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْفُرُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَ اللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَيَقُولُونَ نُؤْمِنُ بِبَعْضٍ وَنَكْفُرُ بِبَعْضٍ ۖ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَتَّخِذُوا بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ سَبِيلًا ﴿١٥٠﴾  
 أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ حَقًّا ۖ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُهِينًا ﴿١٥١﴾  
 وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَلَمْ يُفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ أُولَٰئِكَ سَوْفَ يُؤْتِيهِمْ أَجْرُهُمْ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ﴿١٥٢﴾  
 يَسْأَلُكَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ أَنْ تُنَزِّلَ عَلَيْهِمْ كِتَابًا مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ فَقَدْ سَأَلُوا مُوسَىٰ أَكْبَرَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ فَقَالُوا أَرِنَا اللَّهَ جَهْرَةً فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ

الصُّعُفَةُ

مَنْزِلَ ١

224 i.e., Allah does not like talking about people behind their backs—except when someone who has been wronged seeks counselling or assistance from authorities.

225 By their claim that they believe in Allah but still reject some of His messengers.

226 i.e., they demanded the Quran to be revealed all at once in writing similar to the Tablets of Moses. This demand is refuted in 25:32.

الصُّعْقَةَ بِظُلْمِهِمْ ۖ ثُمَّ اتَّخَذُوا الْعِجْلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ  
 مَا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَعَفَوْنَا عَنْ ذَلِكَ ۖ وَآتَيْنَا  
 مُوسَى سُلْطَانًا مُبِينًا ۝ (١٥٢) وَرَفَعْنَا فَوْقَهُمُ الطُّورَ  
 بِبَيِّنَاتِهِمْ وَقُلْنَا لَهُمْ ادْخُلُوا الْبَابَ سُجَّدًا وَقُلْنَا  
 لَهُمْ لَا تَعْدُوا فِي السَّبْتِ ۖ وَأَخَذْنَا مِنْهُمْ مِيثَاقًا  
 غَلِيظًا ۝ (١٥٣) فَبِمَا نَقْضِهِمْ مِيثَاقَهُمْ وَكُفْرِهِمْ بِآيَاتِ  
 اللَّهِ وَقَتْلِهِمُ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ بَغَيْرِ حَقٍّ وَقَوْلِهِمْ قُلُوبُنَا  
 غُلْفٌ ۖ بَلْ طَبَعَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهَا بِكُفْرِهِمْ فَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ  
 إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۝ (١٥٤) وَبِكُفْرِهِمْ وَقَوْلِهِمْ عَلَى مَرْيَمَ  
 بُهْتَانًا عَظِيمًا ۝ (١٥٥) وَقَوْلِهِمْ إِنَّا قَتَلْنَا الْمَسِيحَ  
 عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ۖ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا  
 صَلَبُوهُ وَلَكِنْ شُبِّهَ لَهُمْ ۖ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ اخْتَلَفُوا  
 فِيهِ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ ۖ مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِلَّا

اتَّبَاعَ الظَّنِّ

مَثَلُ

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So a thunderbolt struck them for their wrongdoing. Then they took the calf for worship after receiving clear signs. Still We forgave them for that 'after their repentance' and gave Moses compelling proof. 154. We raised the Mount over them 'as a warning' for 'breaking' their covenant and said, "Enter the gate 'of Jerusalem' with humility." We also warned them, "Do not break the Sabbath," and took from them a firm covenant.

#### Falsehood About Mary and Jesus

155. 'They were condemned' for breaking their covenant, rejecting Allah's signs, killing the prophets unjustly, and for saying, "Our hearts are unreceptive!"<sup>227</sup>—it is Allah Who has sealed their hearts for their disbelief, so they do not believe except for a few— 156. and for their denial and outrageous accusation against Mary,<sup>228</sup> 157. and for boasting, "We killed the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, the messenger of Allah." But they neither killed nor crucified him—it was only made to appear so.<sup>229</sup> Even those who argue for this 'crucifixion' are in doubt.

227 Their hearts are unreceptive because they claim they have enough knowledge already.

228 i.e., they slandered Mary by claiming that she conceived Jesus through an illegal relationship.

229 The popular belief among Muslims is that a conspiracy was made to kill Jesus, Allah made the main culprit who betrayed Jesus look exactly like Jesus, then he was crucified in Jesus' place. Jesus was raised safe and sound to the heavens. Muslims also believe in the second coming of Jesus (ﷺ).

They have no knowledge whatsoever—only making assumptions. They certainly did not kill him. 158. Rather, Allah raised him up to Himself. And Allah is Almighty, All-Wise. 159. Every one of the People of the Book will definitely believe in him before his death.<sup>230</sup> And on the Day of Judgment Jesus will be a witness against them.

#### Consequences of Disobedience

160. We forbade the Jews certain foods that had been lawful to them for their wrongdoing, and for hindering many from the Way of Allah, 161. taking interest despite its prohibition, and consuming people's wealth unjustly. We have prepared for the disbelievers among them a painful punishment. 162. But those of them well-grounded in knowledge, the faithful 'who' believe in what has been revealed to you 'O Prophet' and what was revealed before you—'especially' those who establish prayer—and those who pay alms-tax and believe in Allah and the Last Day, to these 'people' We will grant a great reward.

#### Messengers of Islam

163. Indeed, We have sent revelation to you 'O Prophet' as We sent revelation to Noah and the prophets after him.

اتَّبِعِ الظَّنَّ ۖ وَمَاقَاتُوهُ يَقِينَا ۖ بَلْ رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ  
إِلَيْهِ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا ۝ ١٥٨ ۖ وَإِنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ  
الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا لِيُؤْمِنَنَّ بِهِ قَبْلَ مَوْتِهِ ۖ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ  
يَكُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا ۝ ١٥٩ ۖ فَيُظْلَمُ مِنَ الَّذِينَ هَادُوا  
حَرَمْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ طَيِّبَاتٍ أُحِلَّتْ لَهُمْ وَبِصَدِّهِمْ عَنْ  
سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا ۝ ١٦٠ ۖ وَأَخَذَهُمُ الرِّبَا وَقَدْ نُهُوا  
عَنْهُ ۖ وَآكَلِهِمْ أَمْوَالُ النَّاسِ بِالْبَاطِلِ ۖ وَأَعْتَدْنَا  
لِلْكَافِرِينَ مِنْهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ۝ ١٦١ ۖ لَكِنِ الرَّاسِخُونَ  
فِي الْعِلْمِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِمَا أُنْزِلَ  
إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ ۖ وَالْمُقِيمِينَ الصَّلَاةَ  
وَالْمُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ  
الْآخِرِ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ سَنُؤْتِيهِمْ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ۝ ١٦٢ ۖ إِنَّا أَوْحَيْنَا  
إِلَيْكَ كَمَا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَى نُوحٍ ۖ وَالنَّبِيِّنَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ ۖ

وَأَوْحَيْنَا

مَزَلْ

<sup>230</sup> Scholars disagree whether Jews and Christians will come to realize that Jesus is a prophet of Allah at the time of their death or before the death of Jesus after his second coming.

وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ  
وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَعِيسَىٰ وَأَيُّوبَ وَيُونُسَ وَهَارُونَ  
وَسُلَيْمَانَ وَأَتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ زَبُورًا ۖ وَرُسُلًا قَدْ  
قَصَصْنَاهُمْ عَلَيْكَ مِن قَبْلُ وَرُسُلًا لَّمْ تَقْصُصْهُمْ  
عَلَيْكَ ۖ وَكَلَّمَ اللَّهُ مُوسَىٰ تَكْلِيمًا ۚ رُسُلًا  
مُّبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ لِلنَّاسِ عَلَى اللَّهِ  
حُجَّةٌ بَعْدَ الرُّسُلِ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا ۝  
لَكِنِ اللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكَ أَنْزَلَهُ بِعِلْمِهِ  
وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يَشْهَدُونَ ۖ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا ۝  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَصَدُّوا عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ قَدْ  
ضَلُّوا ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا ۝ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَظَلَمُوا  
لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ لِيَغْفِرَ لَهُمْ وَلَا لِيَهْدِيَهُمْ طَرِيقًا ۝  
إِلَّا طَرِيقَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۖ وَكَانَ

We also sent revelation to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and his descendants, 'as well as' Jesus, Job, Jonah, Aaron, and Solomon. And to David We gave the Psalms. 164. There are messengers whose stories We have told you already and others We have not. And to Moses Allah spoke directly. 165. 'All were' messengers delivering good news and warnings so humanity should have no excuse before Allah after 'the coming of' the messengers. And Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.

احتياط

#### *Muhammad's Messengership*

166. Yet 'if you are denied, O Prophet,' Allah bears witness to what He has sent down to you—He has sent it with His knowledge. The angels too bear witness. And Allah 'alone' is sufficient as a Witness.

#### *Punishment for Rejecting the Truth*

167. Those who disbelieve and hinder 'others' from the Way of Allah have certainly strayed far away. 168. Those who disbelieve and wrong themselves—surely Allah will neither forgive them nor guide them to any path 169. except that of Hell, to stay there for ever and ever.

And that is easy for Allah.

### Universality of Islam

170. O humanity! The Messenger has certainly come to you with the truth from your Lord, so believe for your own good. But if you disbelieve, then 'know that' to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

### Wake-up Call

171. O People of the Book! Do not go to extremes regarding your faith; say nothing about Allah except the truth.<sup>231</sup> The Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, was no more than a messenger of Allah and the fulfilment of His Word through Mary and a spirit 'created by a command' from Him.<sup>232</sup> So believe in Allah and His messengers and do not say, "Trinity." Stop!— for your own good. Allah is only One God. Glory be to Him! He is far above having a son! To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And Allah is sufficient as a Trustee of Affairs.

172. The Messiah would never be too proud to be a servant of Allah, nor would the angels nearest to Allah. Those who are too proud and arrogant to worship Him will be brought before Him all together.

النِّسَاء ٢

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لَا يُجِبُّ اللَّهُ ٢

ذٰلِكَ عَلَى اللّٰهِ يَسِيرًا ۝ يٰۤاَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ  
الرّٰسُوْلُ بِالْحَقِّ مِنْ رَّبِّكُمْ فَاٰمِنُوْا خَيْرًا لَّكُمْ ۖ  
وَ اِنْ تَكْفُرُوْا فَاِنَّ اللّٰهَ مَا فِى السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ  
وَ كَانَ اللّٰهُ عَلِيْمًا حَكِيْمًا ۝ يٰۤاَهْلَ الْكِتٰبِ  
لَا تَغْلُوْا فِى دِيْنِكُمْ ۚ وَلَا تَقُوْلُوْا عَلَى اللّٰهِ اِلَّا  
الْحَقَّ ۚ اِنَّمَا الْمَسِيْحُ عِيسٰى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ رَسُوْلُ اللّٰهِ  
وَ كَلِمَتُهُ ۙ اَلْقَاهَا اِلَى مَرْيَمَ وَ رُوْحٌ مِّنْهُ ۚ فَاٰمِنُوْا بِاللّٰهِ  
وَ رُسُلِهِ ۚ وَلَا تَقُوْلُوْا ثَلَاثَةٌ ۚ اِنْتَهُوْا خَيْرًا لَّكُمْ ۚ اِنَّمَا  
اللّٰهُ اِلَهٌ وَّاحِدٌ ۚ سُبْحٰنَهُ اَنْ يَّكُوْنَ لَهُ وَلَدٌ ۚ مَّ لَهُ مَا  
فِى السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِى الْاَرْضِ ۚ وَ كَفٰى بِاللّٰهِ وَكِيلًا ۝  
لَنْ يَّسْتَنْكِفَ الْمَسِيْحُ اَنْ يَّكُوْنَ عَبْدًا لِلّٰهِ وَلَا  
الْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ الْمُقَرَّبُوْنَ ۚ وَ مَنْ يَّسْتَنْكِفْ عَنْ  
عِبَادَتِهِ وَ يَسْتَكْبِرْ فَسَيَحْشُرُهُمْ اِلَيْهِ جَمِيْعًا ۝

وَقَالَ  
عِيسَى

فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ

مَنْزِلًا

231 The Jews are warned against denying Jesus as the Messiah, while Christians are warned against calling Jesus Allah.

232 i.e., Jesus was created by Allah's Word "Be!" and he was, and life was breathed into Jesus by the holy spirit (the angel Gabriel) at the command of Allah.



فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَيُوَفِّيهِمْ  
 أَجُورَهُمْ وَيَزِيدُهُمْ مِّنْ فَضْلِهِ ۚ وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ اسْتَنَكَفُوا  
 وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا فَيُعَذِّبُهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ۖ وَلَا يَجِدُونَ  
 لَهُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلِيًّا وَلَا نَصِيرًا ﴿١٤٣﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا  
 النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بُرْهَانٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَأَنْزَلْنَا  
 إِلَيْكُمْ نُورًا مُّبِينًا ﴿١٤٤﴾ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَاعْتَصَمُوا  
 بِهِ فَسَيُدْخِلُهُمْ فِي رَحْمَةٍ مِّنْهُ وَفَضْلٍ ۖ وَيَهْدِيهِمْ  
 إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١٤٥﴾ يَسْتَفْتُونَكَ ۗ قُلِ اللَّهُ  
 يُفْتِيكُمْ فِي الْكَلَالَةِ ۗ إِنِ امْرُؤٌ هَلَكَ لَيْسَ لَهُ  
 وَلَدٌ وَلَا أُخْتُ فَلَهَا نِصْفُ مَا تَرَكَ ۚ وَهُوَ يَرِثُهَا  
 إِن لَّمْ يَكُن لَّهَا وَلَدٌ ۚ فَإِنْ كَانَتَا اثْنَتَيْنِ فَلَهُمَا  
 الشُّلُثُ مِمَّا تَرَكَ ۚ وَإِنْ كَانُوا إِخْوَةً رِّجَالًا وَنِسَاءً  
 فَلِلَّذَكَرِ مِثْلُ حَظِّ الْأُنثَيَيْنِ ۗ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ

أَنْ تَضِلُّوا

مَنْزِلٌ ١

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## The Reward

173. As for those who believe and do good, He will reward them in full and increase them out of His grace. But those who are too proud and arrogant, He will subject them to a painful punishment. And besides Allah they will find no protector or helper.

## Universal Call to Islam

174. O humanity! There has come to you conclusive evidence from your Lord. And We have sent down to you a brilliant light. 175. As for those who believe in Allah and hold fast to Him, He will admit them into His mercy and grace and guide them to Himself through the Straight Path.

Inheritance Law 6) Full Siblings<sup>233</sup>

176. They ask you 'for a ruling, O Prophet'. Say, "Allah gives you a ruling regarding those who die without children or parents." If a man dies childless and leaves behind a sister, she will inherit one-half of his estate, whereas her brother will inherit all of her estate if she dies childless. If this person leaves behind two sisters, they together will inherit two-thirds of the estate. But if the deceased leaves male and female siblings, a male's share will be equal to that of two females. Allah makes 'this' clear to you so you do not go astray.

And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things.<sup>234</sup>



## 5. The Spread Table (Al-Mû'idah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### Honouring Obligations

1. O believers! Honour your obligations. All grazing livestock has been made lawful to you—except what is hereby announced to you and hunting while on pilgrimage. Indeed, Allah commands what He wills.

### Allah's Sanctities

2. O believers! Do not violate Allah's rituals 'of pilgrimage', the sacred months, the sacrificial animals, the 'offerings decorated with' garlands, nor those 'pilgrims' on their way to the Sacred House seeking their Lord's bounty and pleasure. When pilgrimage has ended, you are allowed to hunt.

### Standing up for What Is Right

Do not let the hatred of a people who once barred you from the Sacred Mosque provoke you to transgress. Co-operate with one another in goodness and righteousness, and do not cooperate in sin and transgression. And be mindful of Allah. Surely Allah is severe in punishment.

<sup>234</sup> This verse is placed at the end of the sûrah and not with similar verses at the beginning to connect the end of this sûrah with the next one or, according to Al-Fakhr Ar-Râzi, either to tie the end of the sûrah with its beginning for emphasis, as found in 20:2 and 124 as well as 23:1 and 117. or to emphasize Allah's knowledge. Just like the first verse emphasizes His power.

لَا يُحِبُّ اللَّهُ ۖ  
 ١٣٤  
 الْمَائِدَةُ ٥

أَنْ تَضَلُّوا ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٤١﴾

﴿١٢٠﴾ (٥) سُبُّوهُ الْمُنَافِقُ مَذْمُومٌ ﴿١١٢﴾ ﴿١٢١﴾ (١٢)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَوْفُوا بِالْعُقُودِ أُحِلَّتْ لَكُمْ

بِهَيْمَةُ الْوَعْدِ إِلَّا مَا يُتْلَى عَلَيْكُمْ غَيْرَ مُحِلِّي

الصَّيْدِ وَأَنْتُمْ حُرْمٌ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْكُمُ مَا يُرِيدُ ﴿١﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَحِلُّوا شَعَائِرَ اللَّهِ وَلَا

الشُّهُرَ الْحَرَامَ وَلَا الْهَدْيَ وَلَا الْقَلَائِدَ وَلَا

أَمِينَ الْبَيْتِ الْحَرَامِ يَتَّبِعُونَ فَضْلًا مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ

وَرِضْوَانًا ۖ وَإِذَا حَلَلْتُمْ فَاصْطَادُوا ۖ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ

شَنَاةُ قَوْمٍ أَنْ صَدُّوكُمْ عَنِ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ أَنْ

تَعْتَدُوا ۚ وَمَنْ عَادَ وَتَوَاعَىٰ عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ ۖ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا

عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ

الْعِقَابِ

مَزَل

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## Forbidden Foods

3. Forbidden to you are carrion, blood, and swine; what is slaughtered in the name of any other than Allah; what is killed by strangling, beating, a fall, or by being gored to death; what is partly eaten by a predator unless you slaughter it; and what is sacrificed on altars. You are also forbidden to draw lots for decisions.<sup>235</sup> This is all evil.

## Faith Perfected

Today the disbelievers have given up all hope of 'undermining' your faith. So do not fear them; fear Me! Today I have perfected your faith for you, completed My favour upon you, and chosen Islam as your way.

*Forbidden Food Allowed by Necessity*  
But whoever is compelled by extreme hunger—not intending to sin—then surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

## Lawful Foods

4. They ask you, 'O Prophet,' what is permissible for them 'to eat'. Say, "What is good and lawful. Also what is caught by your hunting animals and birds of prey which you have trained as instructed by Allah. So eat what they catch for you, but mention the Name of Allah over it 'first'." And be mindful of Allah. Surely Allah is swift in reckoning.

الْعَقَابِ ۝ حُرِّمَتْ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةُ وَالدَّمُ وَلَحْمُ  
الْخِنْزِيرِ وَمَا أَهَلَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ بِهِ وَالْمُنْخَنِقَةُ  
وَالْمَوْقُوذَةُ وَالْمُتَرَدِّيَةُ وَالنَّطِيحَةُ وَمَا أَكَلَ  
السَّبُعُ إِلَّا مَا ذَكَّيْتُمْ ۖ وَمَا ذُبِحَ عَلَى النُّصُبِ  
وَأَنْ تَسْتَقْسِمُوا بِالْأَزْلَامِ ۚ ذَلِكُمْ فِسْقٌ ۗ الْيَوْمَ يَمِيزُ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ دِينِكُمْ فَلَا تَخْشَوْهُمْ وَاخْشَوْنِ ۗ  
الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتِمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ  
نِعْمَتِي ۖ وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا ۚ فَمَنِ اضْطُرَّ  
فِي مَخْمَصَةٍ غَيْرِ مُتَجَانِفٍ لِإِثْمِهِ ۚ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ  
رَّحِيمٌ ۝ يَسْأَلُونَكَ مَاذَا أَحَلَّ لَهُمْ ۖ قُلْ أَحَلَّ لَكُمْ  
الطَّيِّبَاتُ ۚ وَمَا عَلَّمْتُم مِّنَ الْجَوَارِحِ مُكَلِّبِينَ تُعَلِّمُونَهُنَّ  
مِمَّا عَلَّمَكُمُ اللَّهُ فَكُلُوا مِمَّا أَمْسَكَنَّ عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ وَادْكُرُوا  
إِسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ۝

235 To make a decision in pre-Islamic Arabia, a person would draw one of three straws: one saying "Do it," the other "Do not do it," and the third was left blank, whereas in Islam there is a special prayer (called *istikhârah*) for guidance when making a decision.

*What to Eat and Who to Marry*

5. Today all good, pure foods have been made lawful for you. Similarly, the food of the People of the Book<sup>236</sup> is permissible for you and yours is permissible for them. And 'permissible for you in marriage' are chaste believing women as well as chaste women of those given the Scripture before you—as long as you pay them their dowries in wedlock, neither fornicating nor taking them as mistresses.

*Those Who Reject Islam*

And whoever rejects the faith, all their good deeds will be void 'in this life' and in the Hereafter they will be among the losers.

*Purification Before Prayer*

6. O believers! When you rise up for prayer, wash your faces and your hands up to the elbows, wipe your heads, and wash your feet to the ankles. And if you are in a state of 'full' impurity,<sup>237</sup> then take a full bath. But if you are ill, on a journey, or have relieved yourselves, or have been intimate with your wives and cannot find water, then purify yourselves with clean earth by wiping your faces and hands.<sup>238</sup>

الْيَوْمَ أَحْلَلْ لَكُمْ الطَّيِّبَاتِ ۖ وَطَعَامُ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا  
الْكِتَابَ حَلَلٌ لَكُمْ ۖ وَطَعَامُكُمْ حَلَلٌ لَهُمْ ۚ وَالْمُحْصَنَاتُ  
مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْمُحْصَنَاتُ مِنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا  
الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ إِذَا آتَيْتُوهُنَّ أَجُورَهُنَّ مُحْصِنِينَ  
غَيْرِ مُسْفِحِينَ وَلَا مَتَّحِدِي أَخْدَانٍ ۖ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ  
بِالْإِيمَانِ فَقَدْ حَبِطَ عَمَلُهُ ۚ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ  
الْخَاسِرِينَ ۝ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا قُمْتُمْ إِلَى  
الصَّلَاةِ فَاغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَأَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ  
وَامْسَحُوا بِرُءُوسِكُمْ وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ إِلَى الْكَعْبَيْنِ ۖ وَإِنْ  
كُنْتُمْ جُنُبًا فَاطَّهَّرُوا ۖ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مَرْضَىٰ أَوْ عَلَىٰ  
سَفَرٍ أَوْ جَاءَ أَحَدٌ مِّنْكُم مِّنَ الْغَايِبِ أَوْ لِمَسْتُمُ  
النِّسَاءَ فَلَمْ تَجِدُوا مَاءً فَتَيَمَّمُوا صَعِيدًا طَيِّبًا  
فَامْسَحُوا بِوُجُوهِكُمْ وَأَيْدِيكُمْ مِنْهُ ۚ مَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ

لِيَجْعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ

مَنْزِلٌ ۚ

236 "The food of the People of the Book" here means the meat of the animals slaughtered by the Jews and Christians.

237 For example, following sexual intercourse or a wet dream.

238 This ruling is called *tavammum* or 'dry ablution.' See footnote for 4:43.

لِيَجْعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ حَرَجٍ وَلَكِنْ يُرِيدُ لِيُطَهِّرَكُمْ  
وَلِيُتِمَّ نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٦﴾ وَادْكُرُوا  
نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَمِيثَاقَهُ الَّذِي وَاتَّقُم بِهِ ٧  
إِذْ قُلْتُمْ سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿٧﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
كُونُوا قَوْمِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ ۚ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ  
شَنَّانُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ إِلَّا تَعْدِلُوا ۖ إِعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ  
لِلتَّقْوَىٰ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨﴾  
وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ  
مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٩﴾ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا  
بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿١٠﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ  
أَن يَسْطُوا إِلَيْكُمْ أَيْدِيَهُمْ فَكَفَّ أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَنْكُمْ

It is not Allah's Will to burden you, but to purify you and complete His favour upon you, so perhaps you will be grateful.

#### Allah's Favour to the Believers

7. Remember Allah's favour upon you and the covenant He made with you when you said, "We hear and obey." And be mindful of Allah. Surely Allah knows best what is 'hidden' in the heart.

#### Be Just

8. O believers! Stand firm for Allah and bear true testimony. Do not let the hatred of a people lead you to injustice. Be just! That is closer to righteousness. And be mindful of Allah. Surely Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

#### Reward of Belief and Disbelief

9. Allah has promised those who believe and do good 'His' forgiveness and a great reward. 10. As for those who disbelieve and deny Our signs, they are the residents of the Hellfire.

#### Believers Saved from Harm

11. O believers! Remember Allah's favour upon you: when a people sought to harm you, but He held their hands back from you.

Be mindful of Allah. And in Allah let the believers put their trust.

*Allah's Covenant with the Israelites*

12. Allah made a covenant with the Children of Israel and appointed twelve leaders from among them and 'then' said, "I am truly with you. If you establish prayer, pay alms-tax, believe in My messengers, support them, and lend to Allah a good loan, I will certainly forgive your sins and admit you into Gardens under which rivers flow. And whoever among you disbelieves afterwards has truly strayed from the Right Way."

*The Covenant Is Broken*

13. But for breaking their covenant We condemned them and hardened their hearts. They distorted the words of the Scripture and neglected a portion of what they had been commanded to uphold. You 'O Prophet' will always find deceit on their part, except for a few. But pardon them and bear with them. Indeed, Allah loves the good-doers.

*Covenant with Christians Broken Too*

14. And from those who say, "We are Christians," We took their covenant,

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۖ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ۝  
وَلَقَدْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيثَاقَ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ ۖ وَبَعَثْنَا  
مِنْهُمْ اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ نَقِيبًا ۖ وَقَالَ اللَّهُ إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ  
لَئِنْ أَقَمْتُمُ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَيْتُمُ الزَّكَاةَ وَآمَنْتُمْ  
بِرُسُلِي وَعَزَّرْتُمُوهُمْ وَأَقْرَضْتُمُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا  
لَأَعْفِرَنَّ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَلَا أَدْخِلَنَّكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ  
تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۚ فَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ  
مِنْكُمْ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ ۝ فَبِمَا نَقُضْتُمْ  
مِيثَاقَهُمْ لَعَنَّاهُمْ وَجَعَلْنَا قُلُوبَهُمْ قَاسِيَةً  
يُحَرِّفُونَ الْكَلِمَ عَنْ مَوَاضِعِهِ ۖ وَنَسُوا حَظًّا مِمَّا  
ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ ۚ وَلَا تَزَالُ تَطَّلِعُ عَلَى خَائِنَةٍ مِنْهُمْ  
إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۖ مِنْهُمْ فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ وَاصْفَحْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
يُحِبُّ الْيَحْسِنِينَ ۝ وَمِنَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّا نَصْرَى

أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَهُمْ فَنَسُوا حَظًّا مِمَّا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ ۖ فَأَعْرَبْنَا  
 بَيْنَهُمُ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ۚ وَسَوْفَ  
 يُنَبِّئُهُمُ اللَّهُ بِمَا كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿١٢﴾ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ  
 قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ كَثِيرًا مِمَّا كُنْتُمْ  
 تُخْفُونَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَعْفُو عَنْ كَثِيرٍ ۖ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ  
 مِنَ اللَّهِ نُورٌ وَكِتَابٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿١٣﴾ يَهْدِي بِهِ اللَّهُ  
 مَنِ اتَّبَعَ رِضْوَانَهُ سُبُلَ السَّلَامِ وَيُخْرِجُهُمُ  
 مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَيَهْدِيهِمْ إِلَى  
 صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١٤﴾ لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ  
 اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ ۖ قُلْ فَمَنْ يَمْلِكُ  
 مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا إِنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُهْلِكَ الْمَسِيحَ ابْنَ  
 مَرْيَمَ وَأُمَّهُ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا ۖ وَلِلَّهِ  
 مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا ۚ يَخْلُقُ

but they neglected a portion of what they had been commanded to uphold. So We let hostility and enmity arise between them until the Day of Judgment, and soon Allah will inform them of all they have done.

### The Prophet's Mission

15. O People of the Book! Now Our Messenger has come to you, revealing much of what you have hidden of the Scriptures and disregarding much. There certainly has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book 16. through which Allah guides those who seek His pleasure to the ways of peace, brings them out of darkness and into light by His Will, and guides them to the Straight Path.

### Jesus Is Not Allah

17. Indeed, those who say, "Allah is the Messiah, son of Mary," have fallen into disbelief. Say, "O Prophet," "Who has the power to prevent Allah if He chose to destroy the Messiah, son of Mary, his mother, and everyone in the world all together?" To Allah "alone" belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and everything in between. He creates whatever He wills.

And Allah is Most Capable of everything.

#### Children of Allah?

18. The Jews and the Christians each say, "We are the children of Allah and His most beloved!" Say, 'O Prophet,' "Why then does He punish you for your sins? No! You are only humans like others of His Own making. He forgives whoever He wills and punishes whoever He wills. To Allah 'alone' belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and everything in between. And to Him is the final return."

#### No Excuse

19. O People of the Book! Our Messenger has indeed come to you, making things clear to you after an interval between the messengers so you do not say, "There has never come to us a deliverer of good news or a warner." Now there has come to you a deliverer of good news and a warner. And Allah is Most Capable of everything.

#### The Israelites Ordered to Enter the Holy Land

20. And 'remember' when Moses said to his people, "O my people! Remember Allah's favours upon you when He raised prophets from among you, made you sovereign,<sup>239</sup> and gave you what He had never given anyone in the world."<sup>240</sup> 21. O my people! Enter the Holy Land which Allah has destined for you 'to enter'.

مَا يَشَاءُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝ وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَى نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ وَأَحِبَّاؤُهُ ۖ قُلْ فَلِمَ يُعَذِّبُكُمْ بِذُنُوبِكُمْ ۚ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ بَشَرٌ مِّمَّنْ خَلَقَ ۚ يَغْفِر لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيُعَذِّبُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا ۚ وَإِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ ۝ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ عَلَى فَتْرَةٍ مِّنَ الرُّسُلِ أَنْ تَقُولُوا مَا جَاءَنَا مِن بَشِيرٍ وَلَا نَذِيرٍ ۚ فَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بَشِيرٌ وَنَذِيرٌ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝ وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَى لِقَوْمِهِ يَقَوْمِ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ جَعَلَ فِيكُمْ أَنْبِيَاءَ وَجَعَلَكُمْ مُلُوكًا ۖ وَآتَاكُمْ مَا لَمْ يُؤْتِ أَحَدًا مِّنَ الْعَالَمِينَ ۝ يَقَوْمِ ادْخُلُوا الْأَرْضَ الْمُقَدَّسَةَ الَّتِي كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَلَا تَرْتَدُّوا

<sup>239</sup> He rescued you from Egypt where the Pharaoh treated you like slaves and blessed you with freedom so you can manage your own affairs.  
<sup>240</sup> i.e., the miracles of splitting the sea, water coming out of the rock, manna and quails, and clouds shading them.



تَرْتَدُّوا عَلَىٰ أَدْبَارِكُمْ فَتَنْقَلِبُوا خَاسِرِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾ قَالُوا  
يُوسَىٰ إِنَّ فِيهَا قَوْمًا جَبَّارِينَ ۖ وَإِنَّا لَنَدْخُلُهَا  
حَتَّىٰ يَخْرُجُوا مِنْهَا ۖ فَإِن يَخْرُجُوا مِنْهَا فَإِنَّا  
دُخْلُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ قَالَ رَجُلَيْنِ مِنَ الَّذِينَ يَخَافُونَ أَنعَمَ  
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمَا ادْخُلُوا عَلَيْهِمُ الْبَابَ ۖ فَإِذَا دَخَلْتُمُوهُ  
فَأِنَّكُمْ غَالِبُونَ ۚ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَتَوَكَّلُوا إِن كُنْتُمْ  
مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾ قَالُوا يُّوسَىٰ إِنَّا لَنَدْخُلُهَا أَبَدًا  
مَا دَامُوا فِيهَا فَادْهَبْ أَنتَ وَرَبُّكَ فَقَاتِلَا  
إِنَّا هَاهُنَا قَاعِدُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي لَا أَمْلِكُ إِلَّا نَفْسِي  
وَإِخِي ۖ فَافْرِقْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ الْقَوْمِ الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾  
قَالَ فَإِنَّهَا مُحَرَّمَةٌ عَلَيْهِمْ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً ۖ  
يَتِيهُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ فَلَا تَأْسَ عَلَى الْقَوْمِ  
الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَاتْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ ابْنِ آدَمَ بِالْحَقِّ ۚ

And do not turn back or else you will become losers.” 22. They replied, “O Moses! There is an enormously powerful people there, so we will never ‘be able to’ enter it until they leave. If they do, then we will enter!” 23. Two God-fearing men—who had been blessed by Allah—said, “Surprise them through the gate. If you do, you will certainly prevail. Put your trust in Allah if you are ‘truly’ believers.” 24. “Yet” they said, “O Moses! ‘Still’ we will never enter as long as they remain there. So go—both you and your Lord—and fight; we are staying right here!”

#### Forty Years in the Wilderness

25. Moses pleaded, “My Lord! I have no control over anyone except myself and my brother. So set us apart from the rebellious people.” 26. Allah replied, “Then this land is forbidden to them for forty years, during which they will wander through the land. So do not grieve for the rebellious people.”

#### Abel and Cain<sup>241</sup>

27. Relate to them in truth ‘O Prophet’ the story of Adam’s two sons—

how each offered a sacrifice: Abel's offering was accepted while Cain's was not. So Cain threatened, "I will kill you!" His brother replied, "Allah only accepts 'the offering' of the sincerely devout. 28. If you raise your hand to kill me, I will not raise mine to kill you, because I fear Allah—the Lord of all worlds. 29. I want to let you bear your sin against me along with your other sins, then you will be one of those destined to the Fire. And that is the reward of the wrongdoers." 30. Yet Cain convinced himself to kill his brother, so he killed him—becoming a loser. 31. Then Allah sent a crow digging 'a grave' in the ground 'for a dead crow', in order to show him how to bury the corpse of his brother. He cried, "Alas! Have I 'even' failed to be like this crow and bury the corpse of my brother?" So he became regretful.<sup>242</sup>

### Value of Human Life

32. That is why We ordained for the Children of Israel that whoever takes a life—

وَقَدْ عَلَّمْنَاهُ فَعَلَهُ لَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ نَفْسًا كَانَتْ لَهُ ذَنبًا يَوْمَ يُنْفَخُ الْأَشْفَادُ عَنْ عِقَابٍ أَعْوَجَ ۚ

إِذْ قَرَّبَا قُرْبَانًا فَتَقَبَّلَ مِنْ أَحَدِهِمَا وَلَمْ يُتَقَبَّلْ  
مِنَ الْآخَرِ ط قَالَ لَا قُتِلْتَنِكَ ط قَالَ إِنَّمَا يَتَقَبَّلُ  
اللَّهُ مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينَ ٢٨ لَئِنْ بَسَطْتَ إِلَىٰ يَدِكَ  
لِتَقْتُلَنِي مَا أَنَا بِبَاسِطٍ يَدِيَ إِلَيْكَ لِأَقْتُلَكَ ء  
إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ ٢٩ إِنِّي أُرِيدُ  
أَنْ تَبُوْءَ بِإِشْيِ وَإِشِيكَ فَتَكُونُ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ  
النَّارِ ء وَذَلِكَ جَزَاُ الظَّالِمِينَ ٣٠ فَطَوَّعَتْ لَهُ  
نَفْسُهُ قَتْلَ أَخِيهِ فَقَتَلَهُ فَأَصْبَحَ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ٣١  
فَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ غُرَابًا يَبْحَثُ فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيُرِيَهُ كَيْفَ  
يُوَارِي سَوْءَةَ أَخِيهِ ط قَالَ يُوَيْلْتِي أُعْجِزْتُ  
أَنْ أَكُونَ مِثْلَ هَذَا الْغُرَابِ فَأُوَارِي سَوْءَةَ  
أَخِي ء فَأَصْبَحَ مِنَ الدَّامِنِينَ ٣٢ مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ ء  
كَتَبْنَا عَلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ أَنَّهُ مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا

بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ

مِثْلُ ٢

242 In Islam, regret for doing something wrong is essential for repentance. But in the case of Cain, his regret was not for killing his brother, but for failing to bury his corpse to hide the evidence of his crime. Therefore, his regret was not intended as a step towards repentance.

بَغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ  
 النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا ۖ وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا  
 النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا ۖ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ  
 ثُمَّ إِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
 لَكُسْرُفُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ إِنَّمَا جَزَاؤُا الَّذِينَ يُحَارِبُونَ اللَّهَ  
 وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَسْعَوْنَ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَسَادًا أَنْ يُقَتَّلُوا  
 أَوْ يُصَلَّبُوا أَوْ تُقَطَّعَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَأَرْجُلُهُمْ مِّنْ  
 خِلَافٍ أَوْ يُنْفَوْا مِنَ الْأَرْضِ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ لَهُمْ خِزْيٌ  
 فِي الدُّنْيَا وَلَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٣٤﴾  
 إِلَّا الَّذِينَ تَابُوا مِن قَبْلِ أَنْ تَقْدُرُوا عَلَيْهِمْ  
 فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٣٥﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا  
 الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَابْتَغُوا إِلَيْهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ  
 وَجَاهِدُوا فِي سَبِيلِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ إِنَّ

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unless as a punishment for murder or mischief in the land—it will be as if they killed all of humanity; and whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity.<sup>243</sup> "Although" Our messengers already came to them with clear proofs, many of them still transgressed afterwards through the land.

#### Anti-Terrorism Law

33. Indeed, the penalty for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and spread mischief in the land is death, crucifixion, cutting off their hands and feet on opposite sides, or exile from the land. This "penalty" is a disgrace for them in this world, and they will suffer a tremendous punishment in the Hereafter.<sup>244</sup> 34. As for those who repent before you seize them, then know that Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### Closer to Allah

35. O believers! Be mindful of Allah and seek what brings you closer to Him and struggle in His Way, so you may be successful.

#### Reward of the Disbelievers

36. As for the disbelievers,

243 Although this is addressed to the Children of Israel, it is applicable to everyone at all times.

244 This ruling (called *hirābah*) applies to crimes committed by armed individuals or groups against civilians—Muslim or non-Muslim. Different punishments apply depending on the severity of the crime:

- In the case of murder or rape, offenders are to be executed.
- In the case of armed robbery, offenders' right hands and left feet are to be cut off.
- In the case of terrorizing innocent people, offenders are to be jailed in exile.
- Penalties for lesser offences are left for the judge to decide.

even if they were to possess everything in the world twice over 'and offer it all' to ransom themselves from the punishment of the Day of Judgment, it would never be accepted from them. And they will suffer a painful punishment. 37. They will be desperate to get out of the Fire but they will never be able to. And they will suffer an everlasting punishment.

#### *Punishment of Theft*

38. As for male and female thieves, cut off their hands for what they have done—a deterrent from Allah. And Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.<sup>245</sup>

39. But whoever repents after their wrongdoing and mends their ways, Allah will surely turn to them in forgiveness. Indeed, Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### *Allah's Might and Grace*

40. Do you not know that the kingdom of the heavens and the earth belongs to Allah 'alone'? He punishes whoever He wills and forgives whoever He wills. And Allah is Most Capable of everything.

#### *Do Not Be Disheartened*

41. O Messenger! Do not grieve for those who race to disbelieve—those who say, "We believe" with their tongues, but their hearts are in disbelief.

الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْ أَنَّ لَهُمْ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا  
وَمِثْلَهُ مَعَهُ لَيَفْتَدُوا بِهِ مِنْ عَذَابِ يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ  
مَا تُقْبَلُ مِنْهُمْ ۚ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٨﴾ يُرِيدُونَ  
أَنْ يُخْرِجُوا مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا هُمْ بِخَارِجِينَ مِنْهَا ۚ  
وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّقِيمٌ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَالسَّارِقُ وَالسَّارِقَةُ  
فَأَقْطَعُوا أَيْدِيَهُمَا جَزَاءً بِمَا كَسَبَا نَكَالًا مِّنْ  
اللَّهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٤٠﴾ فَمَنْ تَابَ مِنْ بَعْدِ  
ظُلْمِهِ وَأَصْلَحَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَتُوبُ عَلَيْهِ ۗ إِنَّ  
اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٤١﴾ أَلَمْ تَعْلَمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُ مُلْكُ  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ يُعَذِّبُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَغْفِرُ  
لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٤٢﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا  
الرَّسُولُ لَا يَحْزَنْكَ الَّذِينَ يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْكُفْرِ  
مِنَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا 'أَمَّا بَأْفَواهِهِمْ وَلَمْ تُؤْمِنْ

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<sup>245</sup> In Islam, strict conditions must be met for punishments to be carried out. For example, for someone to be punished for theft, the thief must be a sane adult who knows that theft is forbidden, the crime has to be proven either by confession or the testimony of two reliable eyewitnesses, the stolen item has to be of value and taken secretly from a safe place, and the owner has to claim it. Otherwise, the punishment is not applied. Islamic punishments apply neither in non-Muslim countries nor in Muslim countries where *Sharia* is not fully applied. Moreover, the punishment is only applicable in a society where the needs of the poor are adequately met (i.e., they receive alms-tax, charity, or welfare) and where theft is more out of desire than necessity. It is worth mentioning that 'Umar ibn Al-Khattāb, Islam's 2<sup>nd</sup> Caliph, suspended this punishment for one year due to widespread famine.

قُلُوبُهُمْ ۖ وَمِنَ الَّذِينَ هَادُوا ۖ سَمْعُونَ  
 لِلْكَذِبِ سَمْعُونَ لِقَوْمٍ آخَرِينَ ۚ لَمْ يَأْتُواكَ  
 بِحَرْفٍ ۚ الْكَلِمَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوَاضِعِهِ ۚ يَقُولُونَ  
 إِنِ أُوْتِيتُمْ هَذَا فَخُذُوهُ وَإِن لَّمْ تُؤْتَوْهُ  
 فَاحْذَرُوا ۖ وَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ فِتْنَتَهُ فَلَنْ تَمْلِكَ  
 لَهُ مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُرِدِ  
 اللَّهُ أَنْ يُطَهِّرَ قُلُوبَهُمْ ۖ لَهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا خِزْيٌ ۖ  
 وَلَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ۖ سَمْعُونَ  
 لِلْكَذِبِ أَكْثُونَ لِلْسُّخْتِ ۖ فَإِنْ جَاءُوكَ فَاحْكُمْ  
 بَيْنَهُمْ أَوْ أَعْرِضْ عَنْهُمْ ۚ وَإِنْ تُعْرِضْ عَنْهُمْ  
 فَلَنْ يَضُرُّوكَ شَيْئًا ۖ وَإِنْ حَكَمْتَ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَهُمْ  
 بِالْقِسْطِ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ ۖ وَكَيْفَ  
 يُحْكِمُونَكَ وَعِنْدَهُمُ التَّوْرَةُ فِيهَا حُكْمُ اللَّهِ

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Nor those among the Jews who eagerly listen to lies, attentive to those who are too arrogant to come to you. They distort the Scripture, taking rulings out of context, then say, "If this is the ruling you get 'from Muhammad', accept it. If not, beware!" Whoever Allah allows to be deluded, you can never be of any help to them against Allah. It is not Allah's Will to purify their hearts. For them there is disgrace in this world, and they will suffer a tremendous punishment in the Hereafter.

#### Fair Judgment

42. They eagerly listen to falsehood and consume forbidden gain.<sup>246</sup> So if they come to you 'O Prophet', either judge between them or turn away from them. If you turn away from them, they cannot harm you whatsoever. But if you judge between them, then do so with justice. Surely Allah loves those who are just. 43. But why do they come to you for judgment when they 'already' have the Torah containing Allah's judgment, then they turn away after all?

They are not "true" believers.

*Judging by the Torah*

44. Indeed, We revealed the Torah, containing guidance and light, by which the prophets, who submitted themselves to Allah, made judgments for Jews. So too did the rabbis and scholars judge according to Allah's Book, with which they were entrusted and of which they were made keepers. So do not fear the people; fear Me! Nor trade my revelations for a fleeting gain. And those who do not judge by what Allah has revealed are "truly" the disbelievers.

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45. We ordained for them in the Torah, "A life for a life, an eye for an eye, a nose for a nose, an ear for an ear, a tooth for a tooth—and for wounds equal retaliation." But whoever waives it charitably, it will be atonement for them. And those who do not judge by what Allah has revealed are "truly" the wrongdoers.

*Judging by the Gospel*

46. Then in the footsteps of the prophets, We sent Jesus, son of Mary, confirming the Torah revealed before him.

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ثُمَّ يَتَوَلَّوْنَ مِنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ وَمَا أُولَٰئِكَ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾  
 إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا التَّوْرَةَ فِيهَا هُدًى وَنُورٌ يَحْكُمُ  
 بِهَا النَّبِيُّونَ الَّذِينَ أَسْلَمُوا لِلَّذِينَ هَادُوا  
 وَالرَّبَّانِيُّونَ وَالْأَحْبَارُ بِمَا اسْتُحْفِظُوا مِنْ  
 كِتَابِ اللَّهِ وَكَانُوا عَلَيْهِ شُهَدَاءَ ۚ فَلَا تَخْشَوُا  
 النَّاسَ وَاخْشَوْنِي وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا بِالْيَتَىٰ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا ۖ  
 وَمَنْ لَمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
 الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٤٥﴾ وَكُتِبْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ فِيهَا أَنْ النَّفْسَ  
 بِالنَّفْسِ ۖ وَالْعَيْنَ بِالْعَيْنِ وَالْأَنْفَ بِالْأَنْفِ  
 وَالْأُذُنَ بِالْأُذُنِ وَالسِّنَّ بِالسِّنِّ وَالْجُرُوحَ  
 قِصَاصٌ ۖ فَمَنْ تَصَدَّقَ بِهِ فَهُوَ كَفَّارَةٌ لَّهُ ۖ  
 وَمَنْ لَمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
 الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾ وَقَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِعِيسَى ابْنِ

مُرِّمٍ مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ ۖ  
وَأَتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنجِيلَ فِيهِ هُدًى وَنُورٌ ۖ وَمُصَدِّقًا  
لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَهُدًى وَمَوْعِظَةً  
لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ۖ وَلِيَحْكُمَ أَهْلُ الْإِنجِيلِ بِمَا أَنزَلَ  
اللَّهُ فِيهِ ۖ وَمَنْ لَّمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ  
هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ۖ وَأَنزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ  
مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ  
وَمُهَيِّمًا عَلَيْهِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ  
وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ ۚ لِكُلِّ  
جَعَلْنَا مِنْكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا ۚ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ  
لَجَعَلَكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً ۚ وَلَٰكِنْ لِّيَبْلُوَكُمْ فِي مَا  
آثَرْتُمْ ۖ فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ ۚ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا  
فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ۖ وَإِنْ أَحْكَمُ

And We gave him the Gospel containing guidance and light and confirming what was revealed in the Torah—a guide and a lesson to the God-fearing. 47. So let the people of the Gospel judge by what Allah has revealed in it. And those who do not judge by what Allah has revealed are 'truly' the rebellious.

#### *Judging by the Quran*

48. We have revealed to you 'O Prophet' this Book with the truth, as a confirmation of previous Scriptures and a supreme authority on them. So judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their desires over the truth that has come to you. To each of you We have ordained a code of law and a way of life. If Allah had willed, He would have made you one community, but His Will is to test you with what He has given 'each of' you. So compete with one another in doing good. To Allah you will all return, then He will inform you 'of the truth' regarding your differences.

#### *Allah's Judgment*

49. And judge between them 'O Prophet' by what Allah has revealed,

and do not follow their desires. And beware, so they do not lure you away from some of what Allah has revealed to you. If they turn away 'from Allah's judgment', then know that it is Allah's Will to repay them for some of their sins, and that many people are indeed rebellious. 50. Is it the judgment of 'pre-Islamic' ignorance they seek? Who could be a better judge than Allah for people of sure faith?

### Hypocrites' Guardians

51. O believers! Take neither Jews nor Christians as guardians—they are guardians of each other.<sup>247</sup> Whoever does so will be counted as one of them. Surely Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people. 52. You see those with sickness in their hearts racing for their guardianship, saying 'in justification', "We fear a turn of fortune will strike us." But perhaps Allah will bring about 'your' victory or another favour by His command,

وَقَدْ مَكَرَ الَّذِينَ يَكُونُونَ مِنْكُمْ لَوْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُمْ الْفَتْحُ مَا تَرْكَبُوا

بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ  
وَاحْذَرُهُمْ أَنْ يَفْتِنُوكَ عَنْ بَعْضِ مَا أَنْزَلَ  
اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ ۖ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ  
أَنْ يُصِيبَهُمْ بِبَعْضِ ذُنُوبِهِمْ ۖ وَإِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ  
النَّاسِ لَفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ أَفَحُكْمَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ يَبْغُونَ ۚ  
وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حُكْمًا لِّقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَرَى  
أَوْلِيَاءَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ  
مِّنْكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ  
الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾ فَتَرَى الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ  
يُّسَارِعُونَ فِيهِمْ يَقُولُونَ نَخْشَى أَنْ تُصِيبَنَا  
دَآئِرَةٌ ۚ فَعَسَى اللَّهُ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ بِالْفَتْحِ أَوْ أَمْرٍ  
مِّنْ عِنْدِهِ فَيُصْبِحُوا عَلَى مَا أَسْرَوْا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ

247 *Wali* means guardian, caretaker, protector, provider, ally, etc. The Prophet (ﷺ) for example says, "A woman should not get married without a *wali*."—that is a guardian such as her father to represent her in the marriage and make sure she receives her full rights. The verse forbids Muslims from allying with the Jews and Christians (or anyone else) conspiring to persecute Muslims. On the other hand, as long as non-Muslims are not at war with Muslims or persecuting them, the Quran (60:8) commands Muslims to be kind and gracious to them.



نَذِيرِينَ ۝ وَيَقُولُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَهَؤُلَاءِ  
 الَّذِينَ أَقْسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ جَهْدَ أَيْمَانِهِمْ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ  
 لَبَعَكُمْ حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فَاصْبَحُوا خَاسِرِينَ ۝  
 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ  
 فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهُ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ ۖ  
 أَذِلَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ ۖ  
 يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ  
 لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ  
 وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ۝ إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ  
 وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ  
 وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ ۝ وَمَنْ  
 يَتَوَلَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فَإِنَّ حِزْبَ  
 اللَّهِ هُمُ الْغَالِبُونَ ۝ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

and they will regret what they have hidden in their hearts. 53. 'Only then,' the believers will ask 'one another', "Are these the ones who swore solemn oaths by Allah that they were with you?" Their deeds have been in vain, so they have become losers.

#### True Believers

54. O believers! Whoever among you abandons their faith, Allah will replace them with others who love Him and are loved by Him. They will be humble with the believers but firm towards the disbelievers, struggling in the Way of Allah; fearing no blame from anyone. This is the favour of Allah. He grants it to whoever He wills. And Allah is Ever-Bountiful, All-Knowing.

#### True Guardianship

55. Your only guardians are Allah, His Messenger, and fellow believers—who establish prayer and pay alms-tax with humility. 56. Whoever allies themselves with Allah, His Messenger, and fellow believers, then it is certainly Allah's party that will prevail.

#### Unacceptable Guardianship

57. O believers! Do not seek the guardianship

of those given the Scripture before you and the disbelievers who have made your faith a mockery and amusement. And be mindful of Allah if you are 'truly' believers. 58. When you call to prayer, they mock it in amusement. This is because they are a people without understanding.

#### Who Deserves Resentment?

59. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O People of the Book! Do you resent us only because we believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us and what was revealed before—while most of you are rebellious?" 60. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Shall I inform you of those who deserve a worse punishment from Allah 'than the rebellious'? It is those who earned Allah's condemnation and displeasure—some being reduced to apes and pigs<sup>248</sup> and worshippers of false gods. These are far worse in rank and farther astray from the Right Way."

#### Hypocrites Among Jews

61. When they come to you 'believers' they say, "We believe." But they are committed to disbelief when they enter and when they leave.

لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا دِينَكُمْ هُزُؤًا وَ  
لَعِبًا مِّنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ  
وَالْكُفَّارَ أَوْلِيَاءَ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ كُنتُمْ  
مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾ وَإِذَا نَادَيْتُمْ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ اتَّخَذُوهَا  
هُزُؤًا وَلَعِبًا ۚ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾  
قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ هَلْ تَنْقِمُونَ مِنَّا إِلَّا  
أَن أَمَّا بِاللهِ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنْزِلَ  
مِّن قَبْلُ ۚ وَإِنَّ أَكْثَرَكُمْ فَاسِقُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ قُلْ هَلْ  
أُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِشَرٍّ مِّنْ ذَٰلِكَ مَثُوبَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۚ  
مَنْ لَعَنَهُ اللَّهُ وَغَضِبَ عَلَيْهِ وَجَعَلَ مِنْهُمْ  
الْقُرْدَةَ وَالْخَنَازِيرَ وَعَبَدَ الطَّاغُوتَ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ  
شَرُّ مَكَانًا ۚ وَأَضَلُّ عَنْ سَوَاءِ السَّبِيلِ ﴿٦٢﴾  
وَإِذَا جَاءُوكُمْ قَالُوا آمَنَّا وَ قَدْ دَخَلُوا بِالْكَفْرِ

وَهُمْ قَدْ خَرَجُوا بِهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا كَانُوا  
يَكْتُمُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ وَتَرَى كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْإِثْمِ  
وَالْعُدْوَانِ وَأَكْلِهِمُ السُّحْتَ ۖ لَبِئْسَ مَا كَانُوا  
يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾ لَوْلَا يَنْهَاهُمُ الرَّبَّيُّونَ وَالْأَحْبَارُ  
عَنْ قَوْلِهِمُ الْإِثْمَ وَأَكْلِهِمُ السُّحْتَ ۖ لَبِئْسَ مَا  
كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾ وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ يَدُ اللَّهِ مَغْلُولَةٌ  
غُلَّتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَلُعِنُوا بِمَا قَالُوا ۖ بَلْ يَدُهُ مَبْسُوتَةٌ  
يُنْفِقُ كَيْفَ يَشَاءُ ۖ وَلَيَزِيدَنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ مَا  
أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ طُغْيَانًا وَكُفْرًا ۖ وَالْقِينَا  
بَيْنَهُمُ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ۖ  
كُلَّمَا أَوْقَدُوا نَارًا لِلْحَرْبِ أَطْفَاَهَا اللَّهُ ۖ وَيَسْعَوْنَ  
فِي الْأَرْضِ فَسَادًا ۖ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٦٤﴾  
وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَكَفَّرْنَا عَنْهُمْ

And Allah knows what they hide.  
62. You see many of them racing towards sin, transgression, and consumption of forbidden gain. Evil indeed are their actions! 63. Why do their rabbis and scholars not forbid them from saying what is sinful and consuming what is unlawful? Evil indeed is their inaction!

#### Allah Is Ever Generous

64. 'Some among' the Jews said, "Allah is tight-fisted."<sup>249</sup> May their fists be tied and they be condemned for what they said. Rather, He is open-handed, giving freely as He pleases. That which has been revealed to you 'O Prophet' from your Lord will only cause many of them to increase in wickedness and disbelief. We have stirred among them hostility and hatred until the Day of Judgment. Whenever they kindle the fire of war, Allah puts it out. And they strive to spread corruption in the land. And Allah does not like corruptors.

#### Worst of Both Worlds

65. Had the People of the Book only been faithful and mindful 'of Allah',

We would have certainly absolved them of their sins and admitted them into the Gardens of Bliss. 66. And had they observed the Torah, the Gospel, and what has been revealed to them from their Lord, they would have been overwhelmed with provisions from above and below. Some among them are upright, yet many do nothing but evil.

#### *A Messenger's Duty Is to Convey*

67. O Messenger! Convey everything revealed to you from your Lord. If you do not, then you have not delivered His message. Allah will 'certainly' protect you from the people. Indeed, Allah does not guide the people who disbelieve.

#### *Adherence to Scriptures*

68. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O People of the Book! You have nothing to stand on unless you observe the Torah, the Gospel, and what has been revealed to you from your Lord." And your Lord's revelation to you 'O Prophet' will only cause many of them to increase in wickedness and disbelief. So do not grieve for the people who disbelieve.

#### *True Belief in Allah*

69. Indeed, the believers, Jews, Sabians<sup>250</sup> and Christians—whoever 'truly' believes in Allah and the Last Day and does good,

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سَيَاتِهِمْ وَلَا دَخَلْنَهُمْ جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ ۝ وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ  
 أَقَامُوا التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ  
 مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَأَكْفُوا مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَمِنْ تَحْتِ أَرْجُلِهِمْ ۝  
 مِنْهُمْ أُمَّةٌ مُّقْتَصِدَةٌ ۝ وَكَثِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ سَاءَ مَا  
 يَعْمَلُونَ ۝ يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغْ مَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ  
 مِنْ رَبِّكَ ۝ وَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ فَمَا بَلَّغْتَ رِسَالَتَهُ ۝  
 وَاللَّهُ يَعْصِمُكَ مِنَ النَّاسِ ۝ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي  
 الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ ۝ قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَسْتُمْ عَلَى  
 شَيْءٍ حَتَّى تُقِيمُوا التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ  
 إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ ۝ وَلَيَزِيدَنَّ كَثِيرًا مِنْهُمْ مَا أُنْزِلَ  
 إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ طُغْيَانًا وَكُفْرًا ۚ فَلَا تَأْسَ  
 عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ۝ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
 وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالصَّبِئُونَ وَالنَّصَارَى مِنْ أَمَنِ

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there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve.

### *The Israelites Rejecting Messengers*

70. Indeed, We took a covenant from the Children of Israel and sent them messengers. Whenever a messenger came to them with what they did not desire, they denied some and killed others. 71. They thought there would be no consequences, so they turned a blind eye and a deaf ear. Yet Allah turned to them in forgiveness 'after their repentance', but again many became blind and deaf. And Allah is All-Seeing of what they do.

### *One God, Not Three*

72. Those who say, "Allah is the Messiah, son of Mary," have certainly fallen into disbelief. The Messiah 'himself' said, "O Children of Israel! Worship Allah—my Lord and your Lord." Whoever associates others with Allah 'in worship' will surely be forbidden Paradise by Allah. Their home will be the Fire. And the wrongdoers will have no helpers. 73. Those who say, "Allah is one in a Trinity," have certainly fallen into disbelief.

بِاللّٰهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَا خَوْفٌ  
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ لَقَدْ أَخَذْنَا  
مِيثَاقَ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ وَأَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهِمْ رُسُلًا  
كُلَّمَا جَاءَهُمْ رَسُولٌ بِمَا لَا تَهْوَىٰ أَنفُسُهُمْ  
فَرِيقًا كَذَّبُوا وَفَرِيقًا يَقْتُلُونَ ﴿٧١﴾ وَحَسِبُوا  
أَلَّا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ فَعَمُوا وَصَمُوا ثُمَّ تَابَ اللَّهُ  
عَلَيْهِمْ ثُمَّ عَمُوا وَصَمُوا كَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ  
بَصِيرٌ لِّمَا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾ لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ ۖ وَقَالَ الْمَسِيحُ  
لِبَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ ۖ  
إِنَّهُ مَن يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ  
الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ ۚ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ ﴿٧٣﴾  
لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَالِثُ

There is only One God. If they do not stop saying this, those who disbelieve among them will be afflicted with a painful punishment.

#### Still Not Too Late

74. Will they not turn to Allah in repentance and seek His forgiveness? And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### Jesus Was Human, Not Divine

75. The Messiah, son of Mary, was no more than a messenger. 'Many' messengers had 'come and' gone before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They both ate food.<sup>251</sup> See how We make the signs clear to them, yet see how they are deluded 'from the truth'!

#### Follow the Truth

76. Say, 'O Prophet,' "How can you worship besides Allah those who can neither harm nor benefit you? And Allah 'alone' is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing." 77. Say, "O People of the Book! Do not go to extremes in your faith beyond the truth, nor follow the vain desires of those who went astray before 'you'. They misled many and strayed from the Right Way."

ثَلَاثَةً ۖ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ ۖ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَمَسَّنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۖ أَفَلَا يَتُوبُونَ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونََهُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ۖ  
مَا الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ ۖ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ ۖ وَأُمُّهُ صِدِّيقَةٌ ۖ كَانَا يَأْكُلِنِ الطَّعَامَ ۖ أَنْظِرْ كَيْفَ نُبَيِّنُ لَهُمُ الْآيَاتِ ثُمَّ أَنْظِرْ أَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ ۖ قُلْ أَتَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَمْلِكُ لَكُمْ ضَرًّا وَلَا نَفْعًا ۖ وَاللَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ۖ قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا تَغْلُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا أَهْوَاءَ قَوْمٍ قَدْ ضَلُّوا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَأَضَلُّوا كَثِيرًا وَضَلُّوا عَنْ سَوَاءِ السَّبِيلِ ۖ

251 i.e., they were in need of food for nourishment. According to some scholars, this implies that Jesus and his mother had to relieve themselves after the food had been digested. Almighty Allah is far above depending on food or having to go to the restroom.

لُعِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ عَلَى لِسَانِ  
 دَاوُدَ وَعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ بِمَا عَصَوْا وَكَانُوا  
 يَعْتَدُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾ كَانُوا لَا يَتَنَاهَوْنَ عَنْ مُنْكَرٍ  
 فَعَلُوهُ ۚ لَبِئْسَ مَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ تَرَى كَثِيرًا  
 مِنْهُمْ يَتَوَلَّوْنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۚ لَبِئْسَ مَا قَدَّمَتْ  
 لَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ أَنْ سَخِطَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَفِي الْعَذَابِ  
 هُمْ خَالِدُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾ وَلَوْ كَانُوا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالنَّبِيِّ  
 وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مَا اتَّخَذُوا لَهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ وَلَٰكِنَّ  
 كَثِيرًا مِنْهُمْ فَسِقُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ لَتَجِدَنَّ أَشَدَّ النَّاسِ  
 عَدَاوَةً لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا ۚ  
 وَلَتَجِدَنَّ أَقْرَبَهُمْ مَوَدَّةً لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
 الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّا نَصْرِي ۚ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ  
 قَسِيصِينَ وَرُهَبَانًا وَأَنَّهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

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*Evildoers Among the Israelites*

78. The disbelievers among the Children of Israel were condemned in the revelations of David and Jesus, son of Mary. That was for their disobedience and violations. 79. They did not forbid one another from doing evil. Evil indeed was what they did! 80. You see many of them taking the disbelievers<sup>252</sup> as allies. Truly wicked are their misdeeds, which have earned them Allah's wrath. And they will be in everlasting torment. 81. Had they believed in Allah, the Prophet, and what has been revealed to him, they would have never taken those 'pagans' as allies. But most of them are rebellious.

*Those Most Gracious Towards Believers*

82. You will surely find the most bitter towards the believers to be the Jews and polytheists and the most gracious to be those who call themselves Christian. That is because there are priests and monks among them and because they are not arrogant.

83. When they listen to what has been revealed to the Messenger, you see their eyes overflowing with tears for recognizing the truth. They say, "Our Lord! We believe, so count us among the witnesses. 84. Why should we not believe in Allah and the truth that has come to us? And we long for our Lord to include us in the company of the righteous." 85. So Allah will reward them for what they said with Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there forever. And that is the reward of the good-doers. 86. As for those who disbelieve and reject Our signs, they will be the residents of the Hellfire.

#### Be Moderate

87. O believers! Do not forbid the good things which Allah has made lawful for you, and do not transgress. Indeed, Allah does not like transgressors. 88. Eat of the good, lawful things provided to you by Allah. And be mindful of Allah in Whom you believe.

#### Broken Oaths

89. Allah will not call you to account for your thoughtless oaths, but He will hold you accountable for deliberate oaths.

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وَإِذَا سَمِعُوا مَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ تَرَى أَعْيُنُهُمْ  
تَفِيضُ مِنَ الدَّمْعِ مِمَّا عَرَفُوا مِنَ الْحَقِّ يَقُولُونَ  
رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ ﴿٨٣﴾ وَمَا لَنَا  
لَا نُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَا جَاءَنَا مِنَ الْحَقِّ ۖ وَنَطْمَعُ أَنْ  
يُدْخِلَنَا رَبُّنَا مَعَ الْقَوْمِ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾ فَاتَّابَهُمُ  
اللَّهُ بِمَا قَالُوا جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ  
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۚ وَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾ وَالَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ ۖ  
يَايُهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَحَرِّمُوا طَيِّبَاتِ مَا أَحَلَّ  
اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ  
الْمُعْتَدِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾ وَكُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمْ اللَّهُ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا ۚ  
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ بِهِ مُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾ لَا يُؤَاخِذُكُمُ  
اللَّهُ بِاللَّغْوِ فِئَايَاتِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ يُؤَاخِذُكُمْ بِمَا

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عَقَدْتُمْ الْإِيمَانَ ۖ فَكَفَّارَتُهُ إِطْعَامُ عَشْرَةِ  
 مَسْكِينٍ مِنْ أَوْسَطِ مَا تَطْعَمُونَ أَهْلِيكُمْ أَوْ كِسْوَتُهُمْ  
 أَوْ تَحْرِيرُ رَقَبَةٍ ۖ فَمَنْ لَمْ يَجِدْ فَصِيَامُ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ ۖ  
 ذَلِكَ كَفَّارَةُ أَيْمَانِكُمْ إِذَا حَلَفْتُمْ ۖ وَاحْفَظُوا  
 أَيْمَانَكُمْ ۖ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ  
 تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ  
 وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ رِجْسٌ مِنْ عَمَلِ  
 الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ  
 الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُوَفِّعَ بَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ فِي  
 الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ وَيَصُدَّكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ  
 الصَّلَاةِ ۚ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُنْتَهُونَ ﴿٩١﴾ وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ  
 وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَاحْذَرُوا ۚ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ  
 فَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا عَلَى رَسُولِنَا الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٩٢﴾ لَيْسَ

The penalty for a broken oath is to feed ten poor people from what you normally feed your own family, or to clothe them, or to free a bondsperson. But if none of this is affordable, then you must fast three days. This is the penalty for breaking your oaths. So be mindful of your oaths. This is how Allah makes things clear to you, so perhaps you will be grateful.

#### Forbidden Items

90. O believers! Intoxicants, gambling, idols, and drawing lots for decisions<sup>253</sup> are all evil of Satan's handiwork. So shun them so you may be successful. 91. Satan's plan is to stir up hostility and hatred between you with intoxicants and gambling and to prevent you from remembering Allah and praying. Will you not then abstain? 92. Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and beware! But if you turn away, then know that Our Messenger's duty is only to deliver 'the message' clearly.

#### The Past Is Forgiven

93. There is no blame

on those who believe and do good for what they had consumed before 'the prohibition', as long as they fear Allah, have faith, and do what is good; then they believe and act virtuously, then become fully mindful 'of Allah' and do righteous deeds. For Allah loves the good-doers.

#### Hunting While on Pilgrimage

94. O believers! Allah will surely test you with game within the reach of your hands and spears to distinguish those who fear Him in secret. Whoever transgresses from now on will suffer a painful punishment. 95. O believers! Do not kill game while on pilgrimage. Whoever kills game intentionally must compensate by offering its equivalence—as judged by two just men among you—to be offered at the Sacred House, or by feeding the needy, or by fasting so that they may taste the consequences of their violations. Allah has forgiven what has been done. But those who persist will be punished by Allah. And Allah is Almighty, capable of punishment.

#### Seafood Is Lawful

96. It is lawful for you to hunt and eat seafood, as a provision for you and for travellers.

عَلَى الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ جُنَاحٌ فِيمَا  
طَعَمُوا إِذَا مَا اتَّقَوْا وَآمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
ثُمَّ اتَّقَوْا وَآمَنُوا ثُمَّ اتَّقَوْا وَأَحْسَنُوا ۗ وَاللَّهُ  
يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَيَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ  
اللَّهُ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الصَّيْدِ تَنَالَهُ أَيْدِيكُمْ وَرِمَاحُكُمْ  
لِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ مَن يَخَافُهُ بِالْغَيْبِ ۚ فَمَنِ اعْتَدَىٰ بَعْدَ  
ذَلِكَ فَلَهُ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٩٥﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَقْتُلُوا  
الصَّيْدَ وَأَنْتُمْ حُرُمٌ ۗ وَمَن قَتَلَهُ مِنْكُمْ مُّتَعَدِّيًا  
فَجَزَاءٌ مِّثْلُ مَا قَتَلَ مِنَ النَّعَمِ يَحْكُمُ بِهِ ذَوَا عَدْلٍ  
مِّنكُمْ هَدْيًا بَالِغَ الْكَعْبَةِ أَوْ كَفَّارَةٌ طَعَامُ مَسْكِينٍ  
أَوْ عَدْلٌ ذَلِكُمْ صِيَامًا لِّيَذُوقَ وَبَالَ أَمْرِهُ ۗ عَفَا  
اللَّهُ عَمَّا سَلَفَ ۗ وَمَنْ عَادَ فَيَنْتَقِمُ اللَّهُ مِنْهُ ۗ  
وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ ذُو انتِقَامٍ ﴿٩٦﴾ أَجَلٌ لَّكُمْ صَيْدُ الْبَحْرِ

وَطَعَامُهُ مَتَاعًا لَّكُمْ وَلِلْسَّيَّارَةِ ۚ وَحُرِّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ  
صَيْدُ الْبَرِّ مَا دُمْتُمْ حُرُمًا ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي  
إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ الْكَعْبَةَ الْبَيْتَ  
الْحَرَامَ قِيَمًا لِلنَّاسِ وَالشَّهْرَ الْحَرَامَ وَالْهَدْيَ  
وَالْقُلَاجِدَ ۚ ذَلِكُمْ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
عَلِيمٌ ﴿٩٧﴾ اَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ  
غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٩٨﴾ مَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ  
يَعْلَمُ مَا تُبْدُونَ وَمَا تَكْتُمُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾ قُلْ لَا يَسْتَوِي  
الْخَبِيثُ وَالطَّيِّبُ وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَكَ كَثْرَةُ الْخَبِيثِ ۚ فَاتَّقُوا  
اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠٠﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَسْأَلُوا عَنَ أَشْيَاءَ إِن تَبْدَلَ كُمْ  
تَسْأَلُوكُمْ ۚ وَإِنْ تَسْأَلُوا عَنْهَا حِينَ يُنَزَّلُ الْقُرْآنُ

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But hunting on land is forbidden to you while on pilgrimage. Be mindful of Allah to Whom you all will be gathered.

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97. Allah has made the Ka'bah—the Sacred House—a sanctuary of well-being for all people, along with the sacred months, the sacrificial animals, and the offerings decorated with garlands. All this so you may know that Allah knows whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth, and that He has 'perfect' knowledge of everything. 98. Know that Allah is severe in punishment and that He is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 99. The Messenger's duty is only to deliver 'the message'. And Allah 'fully' knows what you reveal and what you conceal.

### Good and Evil Not Equal

100. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Good and evil are not equal, though you may be dazzled by the abundance of evil. So be mindful of Allah, O people of reason, so you may be successful."

### Unnecessary Questions<sup>254</sup>

101. O believers! Do not ask about any matter which, if made clear to you, may disturb you. But if you inquire about what is being revealed in the Quran, it will be made clear to you.

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<sup>254</sup> Some Muslims might ask the Prophet (ﷺ) unnecessary and sometimes meaningless questions. For example: who their fathers were, where their lost animals were, what they had in their pockets, etc. Some would even demand new rulings that would probably make things difficult for some Muslims or even themselves.

Allah has forgiven what was done 'in the past'.<sup>255</sup> And Allah is All-For-giving, Most Forbearing. 102. Some people before you asked such questions then denied their answers.

#### Camels Dedicated to Idols

103. Allah has never ordained the 'so-called' *baḥīrah*, *sā'ibah*, *waṣīlah*, and *ḥām* camels.<sup>256</sup> But the disbelievers<sup>257</sup> just fabricate lies about Allah, and most of them lack understanding. 104. When it is said to them, "Come to Allah's revelations and to the Messenger," they reply, "What we found our forefathers practicing is good enough for us." 'Would they still do so,' even if their forefathers had absolutely no knowledge or guidance?

#### Everyone Accountable for Themselves

105. O believers! You are accountable only for yourselves.<sup>258</sup> It will not harm you if someone chooses to deviate—as long as you are 'rightly' guided. To Allah you will all return, and He will inform you of what you used to do.

#### Verifying Bequests

106. O believers! When death approaches any of you, call upon two just Muslim men to witness as you make a bequest; otherwise, two non-Muslims if you are afflicted with death while on a journey.<sup>259</sup>

تُبَدِّلْ لَكُمْ عَفَا اللَّهُ عَنْهَا ۖ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٠٣﴾

قَدْ سَأَلَهَا قَوْمٌ مِّنْ قَبْلِكُمْ ثُمَّ أَصْبَحُوا بِهَا

كُفَرِينَ ﴿١٠٤﴾ مَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ بُحَيْرَةٍ وَلَا سَائِبَةٍ

وَلَا وَصِيلَةٍ وَلَا حَامٍ ۖ وَلَكِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا

يَفْتَرُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ ۖ وَكَثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٠٥﴾

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا إِلَىٰ مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ وَإِلَىٰ

الرَّسُولِ قَالُوا حَسْبُنَا مَا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا ۖ

أَوَلَوْ كَانُوا بَنِي آبَائِهِمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٠٦﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ ۚ لَا يَضُرُّكُمْ

مَنْ ضَلَّ إِذَا اهْتَدَيْتُمْ ۖ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا

فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٠٧﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

شَهَادَةُ بَيْنَكُمْ إِذَا حَضَرَ أَحَدُكُمْ الْمَوْتُ حِينَ

الْوَصِيَّةِ اثْنَانِ ذَوَا عَدْلٍ مِّنكُمْ أَوْ آخَرَانِ مِّنْ غَيْرِكُمْ

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255 This implies that either these minor details have been overlooked by Allah out of His mercy or that Allah has forgiven them for these unnecessary questions.

256 These camels were allowed by pagan Arabs to pasture freely and were not to be used for labour or transportation after fathering or giving birth to a certain number of male or female camels.

257 i.e., the pagans.

258 After fulfilling their obligation of delivering the truth, enjoining what is good, and forbidding what is evil.

259 If no Muslim witnesses can be found.

إِنْ أَنْتُمْ صَرَبْتُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَأَصَابَتْكُمْ مُصِيبَةُ  
 الْمَوْتِ ۖ تَحْبِسُونَهُمَا مِنْ بَعْدِ الصَّلَاةِ فَيُقْسِمِينَ بِاللَّهِ  
 إِنْ رُبْتُمْ لَا نَشْتَرِي بِهِ ثَمَنًا وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ ۖ وَلَا  
 نَكْتُمُ شَهَادَةَ اللَّهِ إِنَّآ إِذَا لَمِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ۖ فَإِنْ عَثَرَ  
 عَلَىٰ أَنَّهُمَا اسْتَحَقَّا إِثْمًا فَأَخَرْنَ يَقُومُنَ مَقَامَهُمَا  
 مِنَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَحَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الْأُولَىٰ فَيُقْسِمِينَ بِاللَّهِ  
 لَشَهَادَتُنَا أَحَقُّ مِنْ شَهَادَتِهِمَا وَمَا اعْتَدَيْنَا ۖ إِنَّا  
 إِذَا لَمِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ۖ ذَٰلِكَ أَدْنَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِالشَّهَادَةِ  
 عَلَىٰ وَجْهٍ أَوْ يَخَافُوا أَنْ تُرَدَّ أَيْمَانٌ بَعْدَ آيِبَانِهِمْ ۖ  
 وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاسْمَعُوا ۖ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ  
 الْفَاسِقِينَ ۖ يَوْمَ يَجْمَعُ اللَّهُ الرُّسُلَ فَيَقُولُ مَاذَا  
 أُجِبْتُمْ ۖ قَالُوا لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا ۖ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ ۖ  
 إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ لِيَعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ اذْكُرْ نِعْمَتِي

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If you doubt 'their testimony', keep them after prayer and let them testify under oath 'saying', "By Allah! We would never sell our testimony for any price, even in favour of a close relative, nor withhold the testimony of Allah. Otherwise, we would surely be sinful." 107. If they are found guilty 'of false testimony', let the deceased's two closest heirs affected by the bequest replace the witnesses and testify under oath 'saying', "By Allah! Our testimony is truer than theirs. We have not transgressed. Otherwise, we would surely be wrongdoers." 108. In this way it is more likely that witnesses will give true testimony or else fear that their oaths could be refuted by those of the heirs. Be mindful of Allah and obey. For Allah does not guide the rebellious people.

#### Allah Asking the Messengers

109. 'Consider' the Day Allah will gather the messengers and say, "What response did you receive?" They will reply, "We have no knowledge 'compared to You'! You 'alone' are indeed the Knower of all unseen."

#### Allah's Favours upon Jesus

110. And 'on Judgment Day' Allah will say,

“O Jesus, son of Mary! Remember My favour upon you and your mother: how I supported you with the holy spirit<sup>260</sup> so you spoke to people in ‘your’ infancy and adulthood. How I taught you writing, wisdom, the Torah, and the Gospel. How you moulded a bird from clay—by My Will—and breathed into it and it became a ‘real’ bird—by My Will. How you healed the blind and the lepers—by My Will. How you brought the dead to life—by My Will. How I prevented the Children of Israel from harming you when you came to them with clear proofs and the disbelievers among them said, “This is nothing but pure magic.” 111. And how I inspired the disciples, “Believe in Me and My messenger!” They declared, “We believe and bear witness that we fully submit to Allah.”<sup>261</sup>

#### Miracle of the Table

112. ‘Remember’ when the disciples asked, “O Jesus, son of Mary! Would your Lord be willing to send down to us a table spread with food from heaven?” Jesus answered, “Fear Allah if you are ‘truly’ believers.” 113. They said, “We ‘only’ wish to eat from it to reassure our hearts,

عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَتِكَ مَاذَا آيَدْتُكَ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ ۖ  
تُكَلِّمُ النَّاسَ فِي الْبَهْرِ وَكَهَلًا ۖ وَإِذْ عَلَتِكَ  
الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَالتَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ ۖ وَإِذْ تَخْلُقُ  
مِنَ الطِّينِ كَهَيْئَةِ الطَّيْرِ بِإِذْنِي فَتَنْفُخُ فِيهَا  
فَتَكُونُ طَيْرًا بِإِذْنِي وَتُبْرِئُ الْأَكْمَهَ وَالْأَبْرَصَ  
بِإِذْنِي ۖ وَإِذْ تُخْرِجُ الْمَوْتَىٰ بِإِذْنِي ۖ وَإِذْ كَفَفْتُ بَنِي  
إِسْرَءِيلَ عَنْكَ إِذْ جِئْتَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَقَالَ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ ۝ وَإِذْ  
أَوْحَيْتُ إِلَى الْحَوَارِيِّينَ أَنْ آمِنُوا بِي وَبِرَسُولِي قَالُوا  
أَمَّا وَاشْهَدْ بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ ۝ إِذْ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ  
يَعِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ هَلْ يَسْتَطِيعُ رَبُّكَ أَنْ يُنْزِلَ  
عَلَيْنَا مَائِدَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ ۖ قَالَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
مُؤْمِنِينَ ۝ قَالُوا نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَأْكُلَ مِنْهَا وَنَطْمِئِنَّ

قُلُوبُنَا

مَنْزِلَ ٢

260 i.e., the angel Gabriel.

261 lit.. Muslims.

قُلُوبُنَا وَنَعْلَمَ أَنَّ قَدْ صَدَقْتَنَا وَنَكُونُ عَلَيْهَا  
 مِنَ الشَّاهِدِينَ ﴿١١٢﴾ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ اللَّهُمَّ  
 رَبَّنَا أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْنَا مَائِدَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ تَكُونُ لَنَا  
 عِيدًا لِأَوَّلِنَا وَآخِرِنَا وَآيَةً مِنْكَ ۚ وَارْزُقْنَا وَأَنْتَ  
 خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ ﴿١١٣﴾ قَالَ اللَّهُ إِنِّي مُنَزِّلُهَا عَلَيْكُمْ  
 فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بَعْدُ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنِّي أَعَذِّبُهُ عَذَابًا لَا  
 أُعَذِّبُهُ أَحَدًا مِّنَ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١١٤﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ  
 لِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ ۖ أَنْتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي  
 وَأُمِّي إِلهَيْنِ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ ۖ قَالَ سُبْحَانَكَ مَا يَكُونُ  
 لِي أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِحَقِّ ۖ إِن كُنْتُ قُلْتُهُ فَقَدْ  
 عَلِمْتَهُ ۖ تَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَلَا أَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِكَ ۖ  
 إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ ﴿١١٥﴾ مَا قُلْتُ لَهُمْ إِلَّا مَا  
 أَمَرْتَنِي بِهِ أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ ۚ وَكُنْتُ

↑ to verify you are indeed truthful to us, and to become its witnesses.”  
 114. Jesus, son of Mary, prayed, “O Allah, our Lord! Send us from heaven a table spread with food as a feast for us—the first and last of us—and as a sign from You. Provide for us! You are indeed the Best Provider.”  
 115. Allah answered, “I am sending it down to you. But whoever among you denies afterwards will be subjected to a torment I have never inflicted on anyone of My creation.”

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116. And “on Judgment Day” Allah will say, “O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you ever ask the people to worship you and your mother as gods besides Allah?” He will answer, “Glory be to You! How could I ever say what I had no right to say? If I had said such a thing, you would have certainly known it. You know what is ‘hidden’ within me, but I do not know what is within You. Indeed, You ‘alone’ are the Knower of all unseen. 117. I never told them anything except what You ordered me to say: “Worship Allah—my Lord and your Lord!”

And I was witness over them as long as I remained among them. But when You took me,<sup>262</sup> You were the Witness over them—and You are a Witness over all things. 118. If You punish them, they belong to You after all.<sup>263</sup> But if You forgive them, You are surely the Almighty, All-Wise.” 119. Allah will declare, “This is the Day when ‘only’ the faithful will benefit from their faithfulness. Theirs are Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there for ever and ever. Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. That is the ultimate triumph.” 120. To Allah ‘alone’ belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and everything within. And He is Most Capable of everything.



## 6. Cattle (Al-An'ām)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Rejecting the Almighty*

1. All praise is for Allah Who created the heavens and the earth and made darkness and light.<sup>264</sup> Yet the disbelievers set up equals to their Lord ‘in worship’. 2. He is the One Who created you from clay,<sup>265</sup>

عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا مَّا دُمْتُ فِيهِمْ فَلَبَّا تَوَفَّيْتَنِي كُنْتُ  
أَنْتَ الرَّقِيبَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ﴿١١٨﴾  
إِنْ تُعَذِّبْهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ عِبَادُكَ وَإِن تَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ فَإِنَّكَ  
أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١١٩﴾ قَالَ اللَّهُ هَذَا يَوْمُ يَنْفَعُ  
الصَّادِقِينَ صِدْقُهُمْ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا  
الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا  
عَنْهُ ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١٢٠﴾ لِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا فِيهِنَّ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٢١﴾

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الْأَنْعَامُ ٦ ﴿٦﴾ سُوْرَةُ الْأَنْعَامِ الْمَكِّيَّةُ ﴿٥٥﴾ ﴿رُكُوْعَاتُهَا ٢٠﴾  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَجَعَلَ  
الظُّلُمَاتِ وَالنُّورَ ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ يَعْدِلُونَ ﴿١﴾  
هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ طِينٍ ثُمَّ قَضَىٰ أَجَلَ ۖ  
وَأَجَلٌ

مَنْزِلٌ ٢

262 This refers to the ascension of Jesus Christ. See footnote for 3:54.

263 i.e., as your creation, they cannot escape the punishment.

264 “Light” is always used in the Quran in the singular (*nūr*), whereas “darkness” is used in the plural (*zulumât*). *Nūr* is usually used in a metaphorical sense to refer to true guidance, whereas *zulumât* refers to different forms of misguidance.

265 i.e., created your father, Adam, from clay. Some scholars suggest that if we examine all the minerals found in the earth (potassium, nitrogen, and carbon), we find that these are the same minerals that make up our body. Furthermore when we die, our bodies are absorbed back into the ground. And when we are resurrected, we will be resurrected from the ground (see 20:55).



وَأَجَلٌ مُّسَمًّى عِنْدَهُ ثُمَّ أَنْتُمْ تَمْتَرُونَ ﴿٢﴾ وَهُوَ اللَّهُ  
 فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَفِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ يَعْلَمُ سِرَّكُمْ وَجَهْرَكُمْ  
 وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٣﴾ وَمَا تَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ آيَةٍ مِّنْ  
 آيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ إِلَّا كَانُوا عَنْهَا مُعْرِضِينَ ﴿٤﴾ فَقَدْ  
 كَذَّبُوا بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ ۖ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِيهِمْ  
 أَنْبَؤُنَا مَا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٥﴾ أَلَمْ يَرَوْا كَمْ  
 أَهْلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِّنْ قَرْنٍ مَّكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
 مَا لَمْ نُمَكِّنْ لَّكُمْ وَأَرْسَلْنَا السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِّدْرَارًا  
 وَجَعَلْنَا الْأَنْهَارَ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمْ فَأَهْلَكْنَاهُمْ  
 بِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَأَنْشَأْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ قَرْنًا آخَرِينَ ﴿٦﴾  
 وَلَوْ نَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ كِتَابًا فِي قِرطاسٍ فَلَمَسُوهُ  
 بِأَيْدِيهِمْ لَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ  
 مُّبِينٌ ﴿٧﴾ وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِ مَلَكٌ ۖ وَلَوْ

then appointed a term 'for your death' and another known only to Him 'for your resurrection'—yet you continue to doubt! 3. He is the Only True Allah in the heavens and the earth. He knows whatever you conceal and whatever you reveal, and knows whatever you do.

#### *Taking Allah's Signs Lightly*

4. Whenever a sign comes to them from their Lord, they turn away from it. 5. They have indeed rejected the truth when it came to them, so they will soon face the consequences of their ridicule.

#### *Fate of the Deniers*

6. Have they not seen how many 'disbelieving' peoples We destroyed before them? We had made them more established in the land than you. We sent down abundant rain for them and made rivers flow at their feet. Then We destroyed them for their sins and replaced them with other peoples.

#### *Demanding Written Scripture*<sup>266</sup>

7. Had We sent down to you 'O Prophet' a revelation in writing and they were to touch it with their own hands, the disbelievers would still have said, "This is nothing but pure magic!"

#### *Demanding to See an Angel*

8. They say, "Why has no 'visible' angel come with him?"

Had We sent down an angel, the matter would have certainly been settled 'at once',<sup>267</sup> and they would have never been given more time 'to repent'. 9. And if We had sent an angel, We would have certainly made it 'assume the form of' a man—leaving them more confused than they already are.

#### *Fate of the Ridiculers*

10. 'Other' messengers had already been ridiculed before you 'O Prophet', but those who mocked them were overtaken by what they used to ridicule. 11. Say, "Travel throughout the land and see the fate of the deniers."

#### *Allah Almighty*

12. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "To whom belongs everything in the heavens and the earth?" Say, "To Allah!" He has taken upon Himself to be Merciful. He will certainly gather 'all of' you together for the Day of Judgment—about which there is no doubt. But those who have ruined themselves will never believe. 13. To Him belongs whatever exists in the day and night. And He is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

#### *Allah Is the Guardian*

14. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Will I take any guardian other than Allah, the Originator of the heavens and the earth, Who provides for all and is not in need of provision?" Say, "I have been commanded to be the first to submit and not be one of the polytheists." 15. Say, "I truly fear—

أَنْزَلْنَاهُ لَكُمْ لِقَايَ الْآمُرِ ثُمَّ لَا يُنْظَرُونَ ۝ وَلَوْ جَعَلْنَاهُ  
مَلَكًا لَجَعَلْنَاهُ رَجُلًا وَلَلَبَسْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ مَا يَلْبِسُونَ ۝  
وَلَقَدْ اسْتَهْزَيْتُمْ بِرُسُلٍ مِّن قَبْلِكَ فَحَاقَ بِالَّذِينَ  
سَخِرُوا مِنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ۝ قُلْ  
سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ ثُمَّ انظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ  
الْمُكَذِّبِينَ ۝ قُلْ لِّمَن مَّا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
قُلْ لِلَّهِ ۝ كَتَبَ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِهِ الرَّحْمَةَ ۝ لِيَجْمَعَنَّكُمْ إِلَىٰ  
يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ ۝ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ  
فَهُمْ لَآ يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝ وَلَهُ مَا سَكَنَ فِي الْبَيْتِ وَالنَّهَارِ  
وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ۝ قُلْ أَغَيَّرَ اللَّهُ إِلَهًا وَلِيًّا  
فَاطِرِ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ يُطْعِمُ وَلَا يُطْعَمُ  
قُلْ إِنِّي أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَكُونَ أَوَّلَ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَلَا  
تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ۝ قُلْ إِنِّي أَخَافُ إِنْ

عَصَيْتُ رَبِّي

مَنْزِلَ ٢

267 i.e., they would have been destroyed immediately upon denying the angel.

عَصَيْتُ رَبِّي عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٥﴾ مَنْ يُصْرِفْ  
عَنْهُ يَوْمَئِذٍ فَقَدْ رَحِمَهُ ۖ وَذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْبَينُ ﴿١٦﴾  
وَإِنْ يَمْسَسْكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ  
وَإِنْ يَمْسَسْكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٧﴾  
وَهُوَ الْقَاهِرُ فَوْقَ عِبَادِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿١٨﴾  
قُلْ أَيْ شَيْءٍ أَكْبَرُ شَهَادَةً ۖ قُلْ اللَّهُ ۖ شَهِيدُ  
بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمْ ۖ وَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لِأُنْذِرَكُمْ  
بِهِ وَمَنْ يُبَلِّغْ ۖ أَيْنَكُمْ لَتَشْهَدُونَ أَنَّ مَعَ  
اللَّهِ إِلَهَةً أُخْرَىٰ ۖ قُلْ لَا أَشْهَدُ ۖ قُلْ إِنَّمَا هُوَ إِلَهُ  
وَاحِدٌ وَإِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّا تُشْرِكُونَ ﴿١٩﴾ الَّذِينَ اتَّيْنَهُمُ  
الْكِتَابَ يَعْرِفُونَهُ كَمَا يَعْرِفُونَ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ ۚ الَّذِينَ  
خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ فَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ  
مِمَّنِ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ كَذَّبَ بِآيَاتِهِ ۖ إِنَّهُ

if I were to disobey my Lord—the torment of a tremendous Day.” 16. Whoever is spared the torment of that Day will have certainly been shown Allah’s mercy. And that is the absolute triumph.

#### Allah Reigns Supreme

17. If Allah touches you with harm, none can undo it except Him. And if He touches you with a blessing, He is Most Capable of everything. 18. He reigns supreme over His creation. And He is the All-Wise, All-Aware.

#### Allah Is the Best Witness

19. Ask ‘them, O Prophet’, “Who is the best witness?” Say, “Allah is! He is a Witness between me and you. And this Quran has been revealed to me so that, with it, I may warn you and whoever it reaches. Do you ‘pagans’ testify that there are other gods besides Allah?” ‘Then’ say, “I will never testify ‘to this!’” ‘And’ say, “There is only One God. And I totally reject whatever ‘idols’ you associate with Him.”

#### Recognizing the Prophet

20. Those to whom We gave the Scripture recognize him ‘to be a true prophet’ as they recognize their own children. Those who have ruined themselves will never believe. 21. Who does more wrong than those who fabricate lies against Allah or deny His signs?

Indeed, the wrongdoers will never succeed.

### The Polytheists

22. 'Consider' the Day We will gather them all together then ask those who associated others 'with Allah in worship', "Where are those gods you used to claim?" 23. Their only argument will be: "By Allah, our Lord! We were never polytheists." 24. See how they will lie about themselves and how those 'gods' they fabricated will fail them!

### Disbelievers Turning Away

25. There are some of them who 'pretend to' listen to your recitation 'of the Quran', but We have cast veils over their hearts—leaving them unable to comprehend it—and deafness in their ears. Even if they were to see every sign, they still would not believe in them. The disbelievers would 'even' come to argue with you, saying, "This 'Quran' is nothing but ancient fables!" 26. They turn others away from the Prophet and distance themselves as well. They ruin none but themselves, yet they fail to perceive it.

### Horried by the Fire

27. If only you could see when they will be detained before the Fire! They will cry, "Oh! If only we could be sent back, we would never deny the signs of our Lord and we would 'surely' be of the believers." 28. But no! 'They only say this' because the truth they used to hide will become all too clear to them.

لَا يُفْلِحُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ وَيَوْمَ نَحْشُرُهُمْ جَمِيعًا ثُمَّ نَقُولُ  
لِلَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا آيِنَ شِرْكَائِكُمْ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُمْ  
تَرْعُمُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾ ثُمَّ لَمْ تَكُنْ فَتَنْتَهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا وَاللَّهِ  
رَبِّنَا مَا كُنَّا مُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾ أَنْظِرْ كَيْفَ كَذَبُوا عَلَى  
أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَمِنْهُمْ  
مَنْ يَسْتَمِعُ إِلَيْكَ ۖ وَجَعَلْنَا عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ أَكِنَّةً أَنْ  
يَفْقَهُوهُ وَفِي آذَانِهِمْ وَقْرًا ۖ وَإِنْ يَرَوْا كَلَّ آيَةٍ لَا  
يُؤْمِنُوا بِهَا ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءُوكَ يُجَادِلُونَكَ يَقُولُ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾ وَهُمْ  
يَنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ ۖ وَإِنْ يُهْلِكُونَ إِلَّا  
أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذْ وَقَفُوا عَلَى  
النَّارِ فَقَالُوا يَلَيْتُنَا نَرُدَّ وَلَا نُكَذِّبُ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّنَا  
وَنَكُونُ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾ بَلْ بَدَأَ لَهُمْ مَا كَانُوا

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يُخْفُونَ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ وَلَوْ رُدُّوا لَعَادُوا لِمَا نُهُوا عَنْهُ  
وَإِنَّهُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ وَقَالُوا إِنْ هِيَ إِلَّا حَيَاتُنَا الدُّنْيَا وَمَا  
نَحْنُ بِبَعُوثِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَلَوْ تَرَى إِذْ وَقَفُوا عَلَى رَبِّهِمْ ۖ  
قَالَ أَلَيْسَ هَذَا بِالْحَقِّ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّنَا ۖ قَالَ فَذُوقُوا  
الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ قَدْ خَسِرَ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا  
بِلِقَاءِ اللَّهِ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَتْهُمْ السَّاعَةُ بَغْتَةً قَالُوا  
يُخْسِرَتْنَا عَلَىٰ مَا فَرَطْنَا فِيهَا ۖ وَهُمْ يَحْمِلُونَ أَوْزَارَهُمْ  
عَلَىٰ ظُهُورِهِمْ ۖ إِلَّا سَاءَ مَا يَزِرُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ  
الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَعِبٌ وَلَهْوٌ ۖ وَلَلدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ  
لِّلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَ ۖ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ قَدْ نَعْلَمُ إِنَّهُ  
لَيَحْزُنُكَ الَّذِي يَقُولُونَ فَإِنَّهُمْ لَا يُكَذِّبُونَكَ وَلَكِنَّ  
الظَّالِمِينَ بَالٍ لِّبِاللَّهِ يَجْحَدُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبَتْ رُسُلُ  
مِّن قَبْلِكَ فَصَبْرُوا عَلَىٰ مَا كُذِّبُوا وَآوَدُوا حَتَّىٰ

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Even if they were to be sent back, they would certainly revert to what they were forbidden. Indeed they are liars!

#### Deniers of the Hereafter

29. They insisted, "There is nothing beyond this worldly life and we will never be resurrected." 30. But if only you could see when they will be detained before their Lord! He will ask 'them', "Is this 'Hereafter' not the truth?" They will cry, "Absolutely, by our Lord!" He will say, "Then taste the punishment for your disbelief." 31. Losers indeed are those who deny the meeting with Allah until the Hour takes them by surprise, then they will cry, "Woe to us for having ignored this!" They will bear 'the burden of' their sins on their backs. Evil indeed is their burden!

#### Fleeting Enjoyment

32. This worldly life is no more than play and amusement, but far better is the 'eternal' Home of the Hereafter for those mindful 'of Allah'. Will you not then understand?

#### Not the First Rejected Prophet

33. We certainly know that what they say grieves you 'O Prophet'. It is not your honesty they question—it is Allah's signs that the wrongdoers deny. 34. Indeed, messengers before you were rejected but patiently en-

dured rejection and persecution until Our help came to them.

And Allah's promise 'to help' is never broken. And you have already received some of the narratives of these messengers.

#### *Disbelievers, No Matter What*

35. If you find their denial unbearable, then build—if you can—a tunnel through the earth or stairs to the sky to bring them a 'more compelling' sign. Had Allah so willed, He could have guided them all. So do not be one of those ignorant 'of this fact'.

#### *Deaf to the Truth*

36. Only the attentive will respond 'to your call'. As for the dead, Allah will raise them up, then to Him they will 'all' be returned. 37. They ask, "Why has no 'other' sign been sent down to him from his Lord?" Say, 'O Prophet,' "Allah certainly has the power to send down a sign"—though most of them do not know.

#### *The Animal Kingdom*

38. All living beings roaming the earth and winged birds soaring in the sky are communities like yourselves.<sup>268</sup> We have left nothing out of the Record.<sup>269</sup> Then to their Lord they will be gathered all together.

#### *Guidance Is from Allah Only*

39. Those who deny Our signs are 'wilfully' deaf and dumb—lost in darkness. Allah leaves whoever He wills to stray and guides whoever He wills to the Straight Way.

أَتَهُمْ نَصْرُنَا ۖ وَلَا مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ ۚ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَكَ  
مِنْ تَبَائِي الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَإِنْ كَانَ كِبُرٌ عَلَيْكَ  
إِعْرَاضُهُمْ فَإِنْ اسْتَطَعْتَ أَنْ تَبْتَغِيَ نَفَقًا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
أَوْ سُلَّمًا فِي السَّمَاءِ فَتَأْتِيَهُمْ بِآيَةٍ ۚ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ  
لَجَمَعَهُمْ عَلَى الْهُدَىٰ فَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْجَاهِلِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾  
إِنَّمَا يَسْتَجِيبُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ ۚ وَالْمَوْتَىٰ يَبْعَثُهُمُ  
اللَّهُ ثُمَّ إِلَيْهِ يُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَةٌ  
مِّن رَّبِّهِ ۚ قُلْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَادِرٌ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يُنْزِلَ آيَةً  
وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
وَلَا طَائِرٍ يَطِيرُ بِجَنَاحَيْهِ إِلَّا أُمٌّ أَمْثَلُكُمْ ۚ مَا فَحَرْنَا  
فِي الْكِتَابِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَالَّذِينَ  
كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا صُمٌّ وَبُكْمٌ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ ۚ مَن يَشَأِ اللَّهُ  
يُضِلَّهُ ۚ وَمَن يَشَأِ يُجْعَلْهُ عَلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُّسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٤٠﴾

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268 Allah has created living beings (like animals, birds, and fish) just like He created human beings. He provides for all and is merciful to all. They all belong to communities and have their own systems of living.

269 The Record refers to the Preserved Tablet (Al-Lawh Al-Mahfûz) in which Allah has written the destiny of His entire creation.

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتَكُمْ إِنْ أَتَاكُمْ عَذَابُ اللَّهِ أَوْ أَتَتْكُمُ السَّاعَةُ  
 أَغَيْرَ اللَّهِ تَدْعُونَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾ بَلْ إِلَٰهَ  
 تَدْعُونَ فَيَكْشِفُ مَا تَدْعُونَ إِلَيْهِ إِنْ شَاءَ  
 وَتَنْسَوْنَ مَا تُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ أُمَمٍ  
 مِّن قَبْلِكَ فَآخَذْنَاهُمْ بِالْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ لَعَلَّهُمْ  
 يَتَضَرَّعُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ فَلَوْلَا إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا تَضَرَّعُوا  
 وَلَكِنْ قَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَزَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ مَا كَانُوا  
 يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ فَلَمَّا نَسُوا مَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ فَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ  
 أَبْوَابَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فَرِحُوا بِمَا أُوتُوا أَخَذْنَاهُمْ  
 بَغْتَةً فَإِذَا هُمْ مُبْلِسُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ فَقَطَّعَ دَائِرُ الْقَوْمِ  
 الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ۖ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ قُلْ  
 أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ سَمْعَكُمْ وَأَبْصَارَكُمْ وَخَتَمَ  
 عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِكُمْ مِّنْ إِلَٰهٍ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ يَأْتِيَكُمْ بِهِ ۖ أَنْظَرُ

*Allah Alone Removes Hardships*

40. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Imagine if you were overwhelmed by Allah's torment or the Hour—would you call upon any other than Allah 'for help'? 'Answer me' if your claims are true! 41. No! He is the only One you would call. And if He willed, He could remove the affliction that made you invoke Him. Only then will you forget whatever you associate with Him 'in worship'."

*Deniers' Gradual Destruction*

42. Indeed, We have sent messengers before you 'O Prophet' to other people who We put through suffering and adversity 'for their denial', so perhaps they would be humbled. 43. Why did they not humble themselves when We made them suffer? Instead, their hearts were hardened, and Satan made their misdeeds appealing to them. 44. When they became oblivious to warnings, We showered them with everything they desired. But just as they became prideful of what they were given, We seized them by surprise, then they instantly fell into despair! 45. So the wrongdoers were utterly uprooted. And all praise is for Allah—Lord of all worlds.

*Only Allah Can Relieve Affliction*

46. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Imagine if Allah were to take away your hearing or sight, or seal your hearts—who else other than Allah could restore it?"

See 'O Prophet' how We vary the signs, yet they still turn away. 47. Ask, "Imagine if Allah's punishment were to overwhelm you with or without warning—who would be destroyed other than the wrongdoers?"

#### *The Messengers' Duty*

48. We have sent messengers only as deliverers of good news and as warners. Whoever believes and does good, there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve. 49. But those who deny Our signs will be afflicted with punishment for their rebelliousness.

#### *No More than a Prophet*

50. Say, 'O Prophet,' "I do not say to you that I possess Allah's treasures or know the unseen, nor do I claim to be an angel. I only follow what is revealed to me." Say, "Are those blind 'to the truth' equal to those who can see? Will you not then reflect?"

#### *The Quran as a Warning*

51. Warn with this 'Quran' those who are awed by the prospect of being gathered before their Lord—when they will have no protector or intercessor besides Him—so perhaps they will be mindful 'of Him'.

#### *Influential Meccans vs. Poor Believers*<sup>270</sup>

52. 'O Prophet!' Do not dismiss those 'poor believers' who invoke their Lord morning and evening, seeking His pleasure.<sup>271</sup>

كَيْفَ نُصَرِّفُ الْآيَاتِ ثُمَّ هُمْ يَصْدِفُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ قُلْ  
أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَتَاكُمْ عَذَابُ اللَّهِ بَغْتَةً أَوْ جَهْرَةً  
هَلْ يُهْلِكُ إِلَّا الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَمَا نُرْسِلُ  
الْمُرْسَلِينَ إِلَّا مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ ؕ فَمَنْ أَمِنَ  
وَأَصْلَحَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾  
وَالَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يُمْسِكُهُمُ الْعَذَابُ بِمَا كَانُوا  
يَفْسُقُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ قُلْ لَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ عِنْدِي خَزَائِنُ اللَّهِ  
وَلَا أَعْلَمُ الْغَيْبِ وَلَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنِّي مَلَكٌ ؕ إِنْ  
أَتَّبِعُ إِلَّا مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ ۖ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَىٰ  
وَالْبَصِيرُ ؕ أَفَلَا تَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾ وَأَنْذِرِ الَّذِينَ  
يَخَافُونَ أَنْ يُخْشَرُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ مَنْ  
دُونَهُ وَلِيٌّ وَلَا شَفِيعٌ لَّعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ ﴿٤١﴾ وَلَا  
تَطْرُدِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَدَاةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ  
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<sup>270</sup> Some of the influential leaders of Mecca asked the Prophet (ﷺ) to send poor Muslims away if he ever wanted these elites to sit and listen to his message. These verses were revealed commanding the Prophet (ﷺ) to keep the company of the poor and not alienate them.

<sup>271</sup> lit., seeking His Face.



يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَهُ ۖ مَا عَلَيْكَ مِنْ حِسَابِهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ وَمَا مِنْ حِسَابِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَتَطْرُدَهُمْ فَتَكُونَ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَكَذَلِكَ فَتَنَّا بَعْضَهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لِّيَقُولُوا أَهَؤُلَاءِ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ بَيْنِنَا ۚ أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِأَعْلَمَ بِالشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَإِذَا جَاءَكَ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِآيَتِنَا فَقُلْ سَلَمٌ عَلَيْكُمْ كَتَبَ رَبُّكُمْ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ الرَّحْمَةَ ۚ أَنَّهُ مَنْ عَمِلَ مِنْكُمْ سُوءًا بِجَهَالَةٍ ثُمَّ تَابَ مِنْ بَعْدِ ۖ وَأَصْلَحَ فَأَنَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٥٥﴾ وَكَذَلِكَ نَفْصِلُ الْآيَاتِ وَلِيَسْتَبِينَ سَبِيلُ الْبَاجِرِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾ قُلْ إِنِّي نُهَيْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ ۚ قُلْ لَا أَتَّبِعُ أَهْوَاءَ كُمْ ۚ قَدْ ضَلَلْتُ إِذًا وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾ قُلْ إِنِّي عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّي ۖ وَكَذَّبْتُم بِهِ ۚ مَا عِنْدِي

You are not accountable for them whatsoever, nor are they accountable for you. So do not dismiss them, or you will be one of the wrongdoers. 53. In this way We have tested some by means of others, so those "disbelievers" may say, "Has Allah favoured these "poor believers" out of all of us?" Does Allah not best recognize the grateful? 54. When the believers in Our revelations come to you, say, "Peace be upon you! Your Lord has taken upon Himself to be Merciful. Whoever among you commits evil ignorantly 'or recklessly' then repents afterwards and mends their ways, then Allah is truly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful." 55. This is how We make Our signs clear, so the way of the wicked may become distinct.

#### Only One God

56. Say, "O Prophet," "I have been forbidden to worship those you invoke besides Allah." Say, "I will not follow your desires, for I then would certainly be astray and not one of those 'rightly' guided."

#### Desperate to Be Destroyed

57. Say, "O Prophet," "Indeed, I stand on a clear proof from my Lord—yet you have denied it.

That 'torment' you seek to hasten is not within my power. It is only Allah Who decides 'its time'. He declares the truth. And He is the Best of Judges." 58. Say "also", "If what you seek to hasten were within my power, the matter between us would have already been settled. But Allah knows the wrongdoers best."

#### Allah's Infinite Knowledge

59. With Him are the keys of the unseen—no one knows them except Him.<sup>272</sup> And He knows what is in the land and sea. Not even a leaf falls without His knowledge, nor a grain in the darkness of the earth or anything—green or dry—but is 'written' in a perfect Record.<sup>273</sup>

#### Sleep: The Twin Brother of Death

60. He is the One Who calls back your souls by night and knows what you do by day, then revives you daily to complete your appointed term. To Him is your 'ultimate' return, then He will inform you of what you used to do. 61. He reigns supreme over all of His creation, and sends recording-angels, watching over you. When death comes to any of you, Our angels take their soul, never neglecting this duty.

مَا تَسْتَعْجِلُونَ بِهِ ۚ إِنَّ الْحُكْمَ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ ۖ يَقْضُ الْحَقُّ  
وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الْفَاصِلِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾ قُلْ لَوْ أَنَّ عِنْدِي مَا  
تَسْتَعْجِلُونَ بِهِ لَقُضِيَ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمْ ۚ  
وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِالظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾ وَعِنْدَهُ مَفَاتِحُ الْغَيْبِ  
لَا يَعْلَمُهَا إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ ۚ  
وَمَا تَسْقُطُ مِنْ وَرَقَةٍ إِلَّا يَعْلَمُهَا وَلَا حَبَّةٌ فِي  
ظُلُمَاتِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا رَطْبٍ وَلَا يَابِسٍ إِلَّا فِي  
كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَتَوَفَّاكُم بِاللَّيْلِ  
وَيَعْلَمُ مَا جَرَحْتُم بِالنَّهَارِ ثُمَّ يَبْعَثُكُمْ فِيهِ  
لِيُقَضَىٰ أَجَلٌ مُّسَمًّى ۚ ثُمَّ إِلَيْهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ ثُمَّ  
يُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ وَهُوَ الْقَاهِرُ فَوْقَ  
عِبَادِهِ وَيُرْسِلُ عَلَيْكُمْ حَفَظَةً ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ  
أَحَدَكُمْ الْمَوْتُ تَوَفَّتْهُ رُسُلُنَا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْرِطُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

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272 The five keys of the unseen are mentioned in 31:34.

273 See footnote for 6:38.

ثُمَّ رُدُّوْا إِلَى اللَّهِ مَوْلَهُمُ الْحَقُّ ۖ أَلَا لَهُ الْحُكْمُ  
وَهُوَ أَسْرَعُ الْحَسِبِينَ ﴿٦٢﴾ قُلْ مَنْ يُخَيِّكُم مِّنْ  
ظُلُمَاتِ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ تَدْعُوْنَهُ تَضَرُّعًا وَخُفْيَةً ؕ  
لِّئِنْ أَجَبْنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ لَنَكُوْنَنَّ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِيْنَ ﴿٦٣﴾  
قُلِ اللَّهُ يُخَيِّكُم مِّنْهَا وَمِنْ كُلِّ كَرْبٍ ثُمَّ أَنْتُمْ  
تَشْكُرُوْنَ ﴿٦٤﴾ قُلْ هُوَ الْقَادِرُ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَبْعَثَ عَلَيْكُمْ  
عَذَابًا مِّنْ فَوْقِكُمْ أَوْ مِنْ تَحْتَ أَرْجُلِكُمْ أَوْ يَلْبَسَكُمْ  
شِيعًا وَيُزَيِّقَ بَعْضَكُمْ بِأَسَ بَعْضٍ ۖ أَنْظُرْ كَيْفَ  
نُصَرِّفُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَالَهُمْ يَفْقَهُوْنَ ﴿٦٥﴾ وَكَذَّبَ بِهِ  
قَوْمُكَ وَهُوَ الْحَقُّ ۖ قُلْ لَّسْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ بِوَكِيْلٍ ﴿٦٦﴾  
لِّكُلِّ نَبَأٍ مُّسْتَقَرٌّ ۖ وَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُوْنَ ﴿٦٧﴾ وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَ  
الَّذِيْنَ يَخْوْضُوْنَ فِيْ آيَاتِنَا فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهُمْ حَتَّىٰ  
يَخْوْضُوْا فِيْ حَدِيْثٍ غَيْرِهِ ۖ وَإِمَّا يُنْسِيَنَّكَ

62. Then they are 'all' returned to Allah—their True Master. Judgment is His 'alone'. And He is the Swiftest Reckoner.

#### Allah's Power

63. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Who rescues you from the darkest times on land and at sea? He 'alone' you call upon with humility, openly and secretly: "If You rescue us from this, we will be ever grateful." 64. Say, "'Only' Allah reseues you from this and any other distress, yet you associate others with Him 'in worship'." 65. Say, "He 'alone' has the power to unleash upon you a torment from above or below you or split you into 'conflicting' factions and make you taste the violence of one another." See how We vary the signs, so perhaps they will comprehend.

#### Deniers of the Truth

66. Still your people 'O Prophet' have rejected this 'Quran', although it is the truth. Say, "I am not a keeper over you." 67. Every 'destined' matter has a 'set' time to transpire. And you will soon come to know.

#### Mockers of the Quran

68. And when you come across those who ridicule Our revelations, do not sit with them unless they engage in a different topic.

Should Satan make you forget, then once you remember, do not 'continue to' sit with the wrongdoing people. 69. Those mindful 'of Allah' will not be accountable for those 'who ridicule it' whatsoever—their duty is to advise, so perhaps the ridiculers will abstain.

#### Way to Salvation

70. And leave those who take this<sup>274</sup> faith 'of Islam' as mere play and amusement and are deluded by 'their' worldly life. Yet remind them by this 'Quran', so no one should be ruined for their misdeeds. They will have no protector or intercessor other than Allah. Even if they were to offer every 'possible' ransom, none will be accepted from them. Those are the ones who will be ruined for their misdeeds. They will have a boiling drink and painful punishment for their disbelief.

#### Almighty Allah

71. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Should we invoke, other than Allah, those 'idols' which cannot benefit or harm us, and turn back to disbelief after Allah has guided us? 'If we do so, we will be' like those disoriented by devils in the wilderness, while their companions call them to guidance, 'saying', 'Come to us!' Say, 'O Prophet,' "Allah's guidance is the 'only' true guidance.

الشَّيْطَانُ فَلَا تَقْعُدْ بَعْدَ الذِّكْرِى مَعَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٦٩﴾  
وَمَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَ مِنْ حِسَابِهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ  
وَلَكِنْ ذِكْرِى لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ وَذَرِ الَّذِينَ  
اتَّخَذُوا دِينَهُمْ لَعِبًا وَلَهْوًا وَغَرَّتْهُمُ الْحَيَوةُ  
الدُّنْيَا وَذَكِّرْ بِهِ أَنْ تُبْسَلَ نَفْسٌ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ ۖ  
لَيْسَ لَهَا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلِيٌّ وَلَا شَفِيعٌ ۚ وَإِنْ  
تَعْدِلْ كُلُّ عَدْلٍ لَا يُؤْخَذُ مِنْهَا ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ  
أُبْسَلُوا بِمَا كَسَبُوا ۚ لَهُمْ شَرَابٌ مِنْ حَمِيمٍ وَعَذَابٌ  
أَلِيمٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٧١﴾ قُلْ أَدْعُوا مِنْ دُونِ  
اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُنَا وَلَا يَضُرُّنَا وَنُرَدُّ عَلَىٰ أَعْقَابِنَا  
بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَىٰ اللَّهُ كَالَّذِي اسْتَهْوَتْهُ الشَّيَاطِينُ  
فِي الْأَرْضِ حَيْرَانٌ ۚ لَهُ أَصْحَابٌ يَدْعُونَهُ إِلَىٰ  
الْهُدَىٰ ائْتِنَا ۚ قُلْ إِنَّ هُدَىٰ اللَّهِ هُوَ الْهُدَىٰ ۚ

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وَأْمُرْنَا لِلنُّسْلِمَ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤١﴾ وَأَنْ أَقِيمُوا  
 الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَهُوَ الَّذِي إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾  
 وَهُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ  
 وَيَوْمَ يَقُولُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ۚ قَوْلُهُ الْحَقُّ ۚ وَلَهُ  
 الْمُلْكُ يَوْمَ يُنفَخُ فِي الصُّورِ ۚ عِلْمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ  
 وَهُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿٤٣﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ لِأَبِيهِ  
 أَزْرَأُ اتَّخَذُ أَصْنَامًا إِيَّاهُ ۖ إِنِّي أَخَافُكَ وَقَوْمَكَ  
 فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَكَذَلِكَ نَرَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ  
 مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلِيَكُونَ مِنَ  
 الْمُوقِنِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾ فَلَمَّا جَنَّ عَلَيْهِ اللَّيْلُ رَأَى الْكُوكَبَ ۖ  
 قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي ۖ فَلَمَّا أَفَلَ قَالَ لَا أُحِبُّ الْإِفْلِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾  
 فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْقَمَرَ بَازِعًا قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي ۖ فَلَمَّا  
 أَفَلَ قَالَ لَيْنَ لَمْ يَهْدِنِي رَبِّي لَأَكُونَنَّ

↑ And we are commanded to submit to the Lord of all worlds, 72. establish prayer, and be mindful of Him. To Him you will all be gathered together. 73. He is the One Who created the heavens and the earth in truth. On the Day 'of Judgment' He will say, 'Be!' And there will be! His command is truth. All authority is His 'alone'<sup>275</sup> on the Day the Trumpet will be blown.<sup>276</sup> He is the Knower of all—seen or unseen. And He is the All-Wise, All-Aware."

#### Abraham Corrects His Father

74. And 'remember' when Abraham said to his father, Âzar, "Do you take idols as gods? It is clear to me that you and your people are entirely misguided."

#### Abraham Refutes Celestial Worship

75. We also showed Abraham the wonders of the heavens and the earth, so he would be sure in faith. 76. When the night grew dark upon him, he saw a star and said, "This is my Lord!" But when it set, he said, "I do not love things that set." 77. Then when he saw the moon rising, he said, "This one is my Lord!" But when it disappeared, he said,

275 Allah grants authority to some of His servants in this world, but none will have authority on Judgment Day except Him. See 3:26.

276 On the Day of Judgment, the Trumpet will be blown by an angel—causing all to die. When it is blown a second time, everyone will be raised from the dead for judgment (see 39:68).

“If my Lord does not guide me, I will certainly be one of the misguided people.” 78. Then when he saw the sun shining, he said, “This must be my Lord—it is the greatest!” But again when it set, he declared, “O my people! I totally reject whatever you associate with Allah in worship”. 79. I have turned my face towards the One Who has originated the heavens and the earth—being upright—and I am not one of the polytheists.”

### Abraham Debates His People

80. And his people argued with him. He responded, “Are you arguing with me about Allah, while He has guided me? I am not afraid of whatever ‘idols’ you associate with Him—‘none can harm me,’ unless my Lord so wills. My Lord encompasses everything in ‘His’ knowledge. Will you not be mindful?” 81. And how should I fear your associate-gods, while you have no fear in associating ‘others’ with Allah—a practice He has never authorized? Which side has more right to security? “Tell me” if you really know!”

82. It is ‘only’ those who are faithful and do not tarnish their faith with falsehood<sup>277</sup> who are guaranteed security and are ‘rightly’ guided. 83. This was the argument We gave Abraham against his people.

مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٧٨﴾ فَلَمَّا رَأَى الشَّمْسُ بَارِغَةً  
قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي هَذَا أَكْبَرُ فَلَمَّا أَفَلَتْ قَالَ  
يَقَوْمِ إِنِّي بِرَبِّيَ مُّمَّا تُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾ إِنِّي وَجَّهْتُ  
وَجْهِيَ لِلَّذِي فَطَرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ حَنِيفًا  
وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٨٠﴾ وَحَاجَّهُ قَوْمُهُ ط قَالَ  
اتَّحَاجُّونِي فِي اللَّهِ وَقَدْ هَدَانِ ط وَلَا أَخَافُ مَا  
تُشْرِكُونَ بِهِ إِلَّا أَن يَشَاءَ رَبِّي شَيْئًا ط وَسِعَ رَبِّي  
كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا ط أَفَلَا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٨١﴾ وَكَيْفَ  
أَخَافُ مَا أَشْرَكْتُمْ وَلَا تَخَافُونَ أَنَّكُمْ أَشْرَكْتُمْ  
بِاللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُنَزَّلْ بِهِ عَلَيْكُمْ سُلْطَانًا ط فَأَيُّ  
الْفَرِيقَيْنِ أَحَقُّ بِالْأَمْنِ ؕ إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ أُولَٰئِكَ  
لَهُمُ الْأَمْنُ وَهُمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾ وَتِلْكَ حُجَّتُنَا

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مَنْزِلَ

أَتَيْنَاهَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَلَى قَوْمِهِ ۖ نَرْفَعُ دَرَجَاتٍ مَّنْ نَّشَاءُ ۖ

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ حَكِيمٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٨٣﴾ وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ ۖ

كُلًّا هَدَيْنَاهُ وَنُوحًا هَدَيْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِهِ دَاوُدَ

وَسُلَيْمَنَ وَيُوسُفَ وَمُوسَى وَهَارُونَ ۖ وَكَذَلِكَ

نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾ وَزَكَرِيَّا وَيَحْيَى وَعِيسَى وَإِيلَاسَ ۖ

كُلٌّ مِّنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَالْيَسَعَ وَيُونُسَ

وَلُوطًا ۖ وَكُلًّا فَضَّلْنَا عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾ وَمِنْ آبَائِهِمْ

وَذُرِّيَّتِهِمْ وَإِخْوَانِهِمْ ۖ وَاجْتَبَيْنَاهُمْ وَهَدَيْنَاهُمْ إِلَى

صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٨٧﴾ ذَلِكَ هُدَى اللَّهِ يَهْدِي بِهِ مَنْ

يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ۖ وَلَوْ أَشْرَكُوا لَحِطَ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا

يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَ

وَالنَّبُوَّةَ ۖ فَإِنْ يَكْفُرْ بِهَا هَؤُلَاءِ فَقَدْ وَكَلْنَا بِهَا قَوْمًا

لَّيْسُوا بِهَا بِكَافِرِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ هَدَى اللَّهُ فِيمُدُّهُمْ

We elevate in rank whoever We please. Surely your Lord is All-Wise, All-Knowing.

#### Abraham and Other Noble Prophets

84. And We blessed him with Isaac and Jacob. We guided them all as We previously guided Noah and those among his descendants: David, Solomon, Job, Joseph, Moses, and Aaron. This is how We reward the good-doers. 85. Likewise, 'We guided' Zachariah, John, Jesus, and Elias, who were all of the righteous. 86. 'We also guided' Ishmael, Elisha, Jonah, and Lot, favouring each over other people 'of their time'. 87. And 'We favoured' some of their forefathers, their descendants, and their brothers. We chose them and guided them to the Straight Path.

#### Prophetic Guidance

88. This is Allah's guidance with which He guides whoever He wills of His servants. Had they associated others with Him 'in worship', their 'good' deeds would have been wasted. 89. Those were the ones to whom We gave the Scripture, wisdom, and prophethood. But if these 'pagans' disbelieve in this 'message', then We have already entrusted it to a people who will never disbelieve in it.<sup>278</sup> 90. These 'prophets' were 'rightly' guided by Allah, so follow their guidance.

Say, "I ask no reward of you for this 'Quran'—it is a reminder to the whole world."

### Scriptures Denied

91. And they<sup>279</sup> have not shown Allah His proper reverence when they said, "Allah has revealed nothing to any human being." Say, "O Prophet," "Who then revealed the Book brought forth by Moses as a light and guidance for people, which you split into separate sheets—revealing some and hiding much? You have been taught 'through this Quran' what neither you nor your forefathers knew." Say, "O Prophet," "Allah 'revealed it'!" Then leave them to amuse themselves with falsehood.

### Quran for All

92. This is a blessed Book which We have revealed—confirming what came before it—so you may warn the Mother of Cities<sup>280</sup> and everyone around it. Those who believe in the Hereafter 'truly' believe in it and guard their prayers.

### Fate of the Wicked

93. Who does more wrong than the one who fabricates lies against Allah or claims, "I have received revelations!"—although nothing was revealed to them—or the one who says, "I can reveal the like of Allah's revelations!"? If you 'O Prophet' could only see the wrongdoers in the throes of death while the angels are stretching out their hands 'saying',

اَقْتَدِهٖ قُلْ لَا اَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ اَجْرًا اِنْ هُوَ اِلَّا ذِكْرٌ  
لِّلْعَالَمِيْنَ ۝ وَمَا قَدَرُوا اللّٰهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهٖ اِذْ قَالُوا مَا  
اَنْزَلَ اللّٰهُ عَلٰى بَشَرٍ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ ۝ قُلْ مَن اَنْزَلَ الْكِتٰبَ  
الَّذِى جَاءَ بِهٖ مُّوسٰى نُورًا وَهُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ تَجَعَلُوْنَهٗ  
قِرَاطِيْسَ تَبَدُّوْنَهَا وَتُخْفَوْنَ كَثِيْرًا ۝ وَعُلِّمْتُمْ مَا لَمْ  
تَعْلَمُوْا اَنْتُمْ وَاٰبَاؤُكُمْ قُلِ اللّٰهُ ثُمَّ ذَرْهُمْ فِىْ خَوْضِهِمْ  
يَلْعَبُوْنَ ۝ ۙ وَهٰذَا كِتٰبٌ اَنْزَلْنَاهُ مُبْرَكٌ مُّصَدِّقُ الَّذِى  
بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَلِتُنْذِرَ اُمَّ الْقُرٰى وَمَنْ حَوْلَهَا ۝ وَالَّذِيْنَ  
يُؤْمِنُوْنَ بِالْاٰخِرَةِ يُؤْمِنُوْنَ بِهٖ وَهُمْ عَلٰى صَلَاتِهِمْ  
يُحَافِظُوْنَ ۝ ۙ وَمَنْ اَظْلَمُ مِّمَّنْ افْتَرٰى عَلٰى اللّٰهِ كَذِبًا  
اَوْ قَالَ اُوْحٰى اِلٰى وَلَمْ يُوْحَ اِلَيْهٖ شَيْءٌ ۙ وَمَنْ قَالَ سَاُنْزِلُ  
مِثْلَ مَا اَنْزَلَ اللّٰهُ ۙ وَلَوْ تَرٰى اِذِ الظّٰلِمُوْنَ فِىْ غَمْرٰتِ  
الْمَوْتِ وَ الْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ بَاسِطُوْا اَيْدِيْهِمْ اَخْرِجُوْا اَنْفُسَكُمْ

اَلْيَوْمَ

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279 Some Jews.

280 "The Mother of Cities" is an honorary title given to the City of Mecca because of its great religious significance as the home of Allah's first house of worship ever built on earth, and perhaps because of its central location as well.



الْيَوْمَ تَجْزُونَ عَذَابَ الْهُونِ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى  
 اللَّهِ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ وَكُنْتُمْ عَنْ آيَاتِهِ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾ وَلَقَدْ  
 جِئْتُمُونَا فُرَادَىٰ كَمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ ۖ وَتَرْكُتُمْ  
 مَا خَوَّلْنَاكُمْ وَرَاءَ ظُهُورِكُمْ ۖ وَمَا نَرَىٰ مَعَكُمْ شُفَعَاءَكُمُ  
 الَّذِينَ زَعَمْتُمْ أَنَّهُمْ فِيكُمْ شُرَكَاءُ ۖ لَقَدْ تَقَطَّعَ بَيْنَكُمْ  
 وَصَلٌ عَنْكُمْ ۖ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَزْعُمُونَ ﴿٩٤﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ فَالِقُ الْحَبِّ  
 وَالنَّوَىٰ ۖ يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَمُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتِ مِنَ  
 الْحَيِّ ۚ ذَلِكُمْ اللَّهُ فَأَنَّىٰ تُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾ فَالِقُ الْإِصْبَاحِ  
 وَجَعَلَ اللَّيْلَ سَكَنًا ۖ وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ حُسْبَانًا ۖ ذَلِكُمْ  
 تَقْدِيرُ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ ﴿٩٦﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ النُّجُومَ  
 لِتَهْتَدُوا بِهَا فِي ظُلُمَاتِ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ ۚ قَدْ فَصَّلْنَا الْآيَاتِ  
 لِقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنشَأَكُم مِّن نَّفْسٍ  
 وَاحِدَةٍ فَمُسْتَقَرٌّ وَمُسْتَوْدَعٌ ۖ قَدْ فَصَّلْنَا الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ

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“Give up your souls! Today you will be rewarded with the torment of disgrace for telling lies about Allah and for being arrogant towards His revelations!” 94. ‘Today’ you have come back to Us all alone as We created you the first time—leaving behind everything We have provided you with. We do not see your intercessors with you—those you claimed were Allah’s partners ‘in worship’. All your ties have been broken and all your claims have let you down.”

#### Allah’s Power of Creation

95. Indeed, Allah is the One Who causes seeds and fruit stones to sprout. He brings forth the living from the dead and the dead from the living. That is Allah! How can you then be deluded ‘from the truth’? 96. He causes the dawn to break, and has made the night for rest and ‘made’ the sun and the moon ‘to travel’ with precision. That is the design of the Almighty, All-Knowing. 97. And He is the One Who has made the stars as your guide through the darkness of land and sea. We have already made the signs clear for people who know. 98. And He is the One Who originated you all from a single soul,<sup>281</sup> then assigned you a place to live and another to ‘be laid to’ rest. We have already made the

signs clear for people who comprehend. 99. And He is the One Who sends down rain from the sky—causing all kinds of plants to grow—producing green stalks from which We bring forth clustered grain. And from palm trees come clusters of dates hanging within reach. 'There are' also gardens of grapevines, olives, and pomegranates, similar 'in shape' but dissimilar 'in taste'. Look at their fruit as it yields and ripens! Indeed, in these are signs for people who believe.

#### Allah Has No Children

100. Yet they associate the jinn<sup>282</sup> with Allah 'in worship', even though He created them, and they falsely attribute to Him sons<sup>283</sup> and daughters<sup>284</sup> out of ignorance. Glorified and Exalted is He above what they claim! 101. 'He is' the Originator of the heavens and earth. How could He have children when He has no mate? He created all things and has 'perfect' knowledge of everything.

#### Worship Allah Alone

102. That is Allah—your Lord! There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. 'He is' the Creator of all things, so worship Him 'alone'. And He is the Maintainer of everything. 103. No vision can encompass Him, but He encompasses all vision. For He is the Most Subtle, All-Aware.<sup>285</sup>

يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٩٨﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً ۖ فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ نَبَاتَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَأَخْرَجْنَا مِنْهُ خَضِرًا نُخْرِجُ مِنْهُ حَبًّا مُتَرَاكِبًا ۖ وَمِنَ النَّخْلِ مِنْ طَلْعِهَا قِنْوَانٌ دَانِيَةٌ وَجَنَّاتٍ مِنْ أَعْنَابٍ وَالزَّيْتُونَ وَالرُّمَّانَ مُشْتَبِهًا وَغَيْرَ مُتَشَابِهٍ ۚ انْظُرُوا إِلَى ثَمَرِهِ إِذَا أَثْمَرَ وَيَنْعِهِ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكُمْ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾ وَجَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ شُرَكَاءَ الْجِنَّ وَخَلَقَهُمْ وَخَرَقُوا لَهُ بَنِينَ وَبَنَاتٍ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ ۚ سُبْحَنَهُ وَتَعَالَى عَمَّا يُصِفُونَ ﴿١٠٠﴾ بَدِيعُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ أَلَىٰ يَكُونُ لَهُ وَلَدٌ وَلَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ صَاحِبَةٌ ۚ وَخَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ ۖ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٠١﴾ ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ ۖ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ ۖ فَاعْبُدُوهُ ۚ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ ﴿١٠٢﴾ لَا تَدْرِكُهُ الْاَبْصَارُ وَهُوَ يُدْرِكُ الْاَبْصَارَ ۚ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿١٠٣﴾ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بِصَآئِرٍ مِّنْ رَبِّكُمْ

#### Call to Humanity

104. Indeed, there have come to you insights from your Lord.

<sup>282</sup> Jinn are another creation of Allah, made of "smokeless fire," and inhabit a realm parallel to our own. Like us, they have free will and can choose guidance or disobedience.

<sup>283</sup> i.e., "Jesus" in Christian belief.

<sup>284</sup> i.e., "the angels" in pre-Islamic Arab tradition.

<sup>285</sup> No one is able to see Allah in this world, but there is extensive evidence in the Quran and the teachings of the Prophet (ﷺ) that the believers will be able to see their Lord on the Day of Judgement.

رَبِّكُمْ ۖ فَمَنْ أَبْصَرَ فَلِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ عَمِيَ فَعَلَيْهَا ۖ  
وَمَا أَنَا عَلَيْكُمْ بِحَفِيظٍ ۝<sup>١٠٥</sup> وَكَذَلِكَ نُصَرِّفُ الْآيَاتِ  
وَلِيَقُولُوا دَرَسْتَ وَلِنُبَيِّنَهُ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ۝<sup>١٠٦</sup> اتَّبِعْ مَا  
أَوْحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ  
الْمُشْرِكِينَ ۝<sup>١٠٧</sup> وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا أَشْرَكُوا ۚ وَمَا جَعَلْنَاكَ  
عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا ۚ وَمَا أَنتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِوَكِيلٍ ۝<sup>١٠٨</sup> وَلَا تَسُبُّوا  
الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ ۚ فَيَسُبُّوا اللَّهَ عَدْوًا بِغَيْرِ  
عِلْمٍ ۚ كَذَلِكَ زَيَّنَّا لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ عَمَلَهُمْ ۖ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ  
مَرْجِعُهُمْ ۖ فَيُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ۝<sup>١٠٩</sup> وَأَقْسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ  
جَهْدَ أَيْمَانِهِمْ لَئِنْ جَاءَتْهُمْ آيَةٌ لَّيُؤْمِنُنَّ بِهَا ۚ قُلْ  
إِنَّمَا الْآيَاتُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَا يُشْعِرُكُمْ أَنَّهَا إِذَا جَاءَتْ  
لَّيُؤْمِنُونَ ۝<sup>١١٠</sup> وَنُقَلِّبُ أَفْئِدَتَهُمْ وَأَبْصَارَهُمْ كَمَا لَمْ  
يُؤْمِنُوا بِهِ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ ۚ وَنَذَرُهُمْ فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ ۝<sup>١١١</sup>

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So whoever chooses to see, it is for their own good. But whoever chooses to be blind, it is to their own loss. And I am not a keeper over you. 105. And so We vary our signs to the extent that they will say, "You have studied 'previous scriptures'," <sup>286</sup> and We make this 'Quran' clear for people who know.

#### Guidance Is from Allah Alone

106. 'O Prophet!' Follow what is revealed to you from your Lord—there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him—and turn away from the polytheists. 107. Had Allah willed, they would not have been polytheists. We have not appointed you as their keeper, nor are you their maintainer.

#### Allah Is the Judge

108. 'O believers!' Do not insult what they invoke besides Allah or they will insult Allah spitefully out of ignorance. This is how We have made each people's deeds appealing to them. Then to their Lord is their return, and He will inform them of what they used to do.

#### Signs of No Use

109. They swear by Allah their most solemn oaths that if a sign were to come to them, they would certainly believe in it. Say, "O Prophet," "Signs are only with Allah." What will make you 'believers' realize that even if a sign were to come to them, they still

would not believe? 110. We turn their hearts and eyes away 'from the truth' as they refused to believe at first, leaving them to wander blindly in their defiance.

<sup>286</sup> Allegations have always been made that the Prophet (ﷺ) copied the Quran from the Bible, mostly because of similar narratives in both Scriptures (such as the stories of Adam, Joseph, Moses, and others). Historically, the Bible was not translated into Arabic until centuries after the Prophet (ﷺ). Even if an Arabic translation of the Bible existed at his time, he (ﷺ) could not have copied it because he could not read or write. From an Islamic point of view, similarities stem from the fact that both scriptures came originally from the same source—divine revelation. For more details, see the Introduction.

111. Even if We had sent them the angels, made the dead speak to them, and assembled before their own eyes every sign "they demanded", they still would not have believed—unless Allah so willed. But most of them are ignorant "of this".

#### The Deception

112. And so We have made for every prophet enemies—devilish humans and jinn—whispering to one another with elegant words of deception. Had it been your Lord's Will, they would not have done such a thing. So leave them and their deceit, 113. so that the hearts of those who disbelieve in the Hereafter may be receptive to it, be pleased with it, and be persistent in their evil pursuits.

#### The Perfect Book

114. "Say, O Prophet," "Should I seek a judge other than Allah while He is the One Who has revealed for you the Book 'with the truth' perfectly explained?" Those who were given the Scripture know that it has been revealed 'to you' from your Lord in truth. So do not be one of those who doubt. 115. The Word of your Lord has been perfected in truth and justice. None can change His Words.

وَلَوْ أَنَّا نَزَّلْنَاهُ إِلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةَ وَكَلَّمَهُمُ الْمَوْتَى وَحَشَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ قُبُلًا مَا كَانُوا لِلْيُؤْمُونِ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ بَجْهَلُونَ ﴿١١١﴾  
وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَا لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ عَدُوًّا شَاطِئِينَ الْإِنْسِ وَالْجِنِّ يُوحِي بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ زُخْرُفَ الْقَوْلِ غُرُورًا ۚ وَلَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّكَ مَا فَعَلُوهُ فَذَرْهُمْ وَمَا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿١١٢﴾  
وَلِتَصْغَى إِلَيْهِ أَفْئِدَةُ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ وَلِتَرْضَوْهُ وَلِيَقْتَرِفُوا مَا هُمْ مُّقْتَرِفُونَ ﴿١١٣﴾ أَفَغَيْرَ اللَّهِ أَبْتَغِي حَكَمًا وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْكِتَابَ مُفَصَّلًا ۖ وَالَّذِينَ آتَيْنَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهُ مُنْزَلٌ مِّنْ رَبِّكَ بِالْحَقِّ فَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُمْتَرِينَ ﴿١١٤﴾ وَتَمَّتْ كَلِمَتُ رَبِّكَ صِدْقًا وَعَدْلًا ۚ لَا مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَتِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ

الْعَلِيمُ ﴿١١٥﴾ وَإِنْ تَطِيعَ أَكْثَرُ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ

يُضِلُّوكَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۖ إِنْ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ

وَإِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ ﴿١١٦﴾ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ مَنْ

يُضِلُّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ۚ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١١٧﴾

فَكُلُوا مِمَّا ذُكِّرَ اسْمُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ بِآيَاتِهِ

مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١١٨﴾ وَمَا لَكُمْ أَلَّا تَأْكُلُوا مِمَّا ذُكِّرَ اسْمُ

اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَقَدْ فَصَّلَ لَكُمْ مَا حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِلَّا

مَا اضْطُرَرْتُمْ إِلَيْهِ ۚ وَإِنْ كَثِيرًا لَيُضِلُّونَ بِأَهْوَاءِهِمْ

بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ ۖ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُعْتَدِينَ ﴿١١٩﴾

وَذَرُوا ظَاهِرَ الْإِثْمِ وَبَاطِنَهُ ۚ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْسِبُونَ

الْإِثْمَ سَيَجْزُونَ بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْعَرُونَ ﴿١٢٠﴾ وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا

مِمَّا لَمْ يُذْكَرِ اسْمُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَإِنَّهُ لَفِسْقٌ ۚ وَإِنَّ

الشَّيَاطِينَ لَيُوحُونَ إِلَىٰ أَوْلِيَٰهِمْ لِيُجَادِلُوكُمْ ۚ وَإِنْ

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And He is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

### Most Are Deviant

116. "O Prophet!" If you were to obey most of those on earth, they would lead you away from Allah's Way. They follow nothing but assumptions and do nothing but lie. 117. Indeed, your Lord knows best who has strayed from His Way and who is 'rightly' guided.

### Lawful and Unlawful Meat

118. So eat only of what is slaughtered in Allah's Name if you truly believe in His revelations. 119. Why should you not eat of what is slaughtered in Allah's Name when He has already explained to you what He has forbidden to you—except when compelled by necessity? Many 'deviants' certainly mislead others by their whims out of ignorance. Surely your Lord knows the transgressors best. 120. Shun all sin—open and secret. Indeed, those who commit sin will be punished for what they earn. 121. Do not eat of what is not slaughtered in Allah's Name. For that would certainly be 'an act of' disobedience. Surely the devils whisper to their 'human' associates to argue with you.<sup>287</sup>

287 Because Muslims are allowed to eat the meat of animals slaughtered properly and not carrion, the pagans of Mecca used to argue, "Why are you only allowed to eat what you yourselves kill but not what Allah causes to die?"

If you were to obey them, then you 'too' would be polytheists.

### Metaphor for Believers and Disbelievers

122. Can those who had been dead, to whom We gave life and a light with which they can walk among people, be compared to those in complete darkness from which they can never emerge?<sup>288</sup> That is how the misdeeds of the disbelievers have been made appealing to them. 123. And so We have placed in every society the most wicked to conspire in it. Yet they plot only against themselves, but they fail to perceive it.

### Craving Prophethood

124. Whenever a sign comes to them, they say, "We will never believe until we receive what Allah's messengers received." Allah knows best where to place His message. The wicked will soon be overwhelmed by humiliation from Allah and a severe punishment for their evil plots.

### Open and Restricted Hearts

125. Whoever Allah wills to guide, He opens their heart to Islam.<sup>289</sup> But whoever He wills to leave astray, He makes their chest tight and constricted as if they were climbing up into the sky. This is how Allah dooms

أَطَعْتُمُوهُمْ إِنَّكُمْ لَكُفْرُونَ ۚ أَوْ مَن كَانَ مِثْلًا  
فَاحْيَيْنَاهُ وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُ نُورًا يَمْشِي بِهِ فِي النَّاسِ  
كَمَن مَّثَلُهُ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ لَيْسَ بِخَارِجٍ مِّنْهَا ۖ  
كَذَلِكَ زُيِّنَ لِلْكَافِرِينَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ۚ وَكَذَلِكَ  
جَعَلْنَا فِي كُلِّ قَرْيَةٍ أَكْبَرًا مُّجْرِمِينَ ۚ لِيْمَكُرُوا فِيهَا ۖ  
وَمَا يَمْكُرُونَ إِلَّا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ ۚ وَإِذَا  
جَاءَتْهُمْ آيَةٌ قَالُوا لَن نُّؤْمِنَ حَتَّى نُؤْتَىٰ مِثْلَ مَا  
أُوتِيَ رُسُلُ اللَّهِ ۚ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ حَيْثُ يَجْعَلُ رِسَالَتَهُ ۖ  
سَيُصِيبُ الَّذِينَ أَجْرَمُوا صَغَارٌ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَعَذَابٌ  
شَدِيدٌ ۚ بِمَا كَانُوا يَمْكُرُونَ ۚ فَمَن يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَن  
يَهْدِيَهُ يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ ۚ وَمَن يُرِدْ أَن  
يُضِلَّهُ يَجْعَلْ صَدْرَهُ ضَيِّقًا حَرَجًا كَانْتَبَا يَصْعَدُ  
فِي السَّمَاءِ ۖ كَذَلِكَ يَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ الرِّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ  
لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۚ

مِثْلًا

لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

288 The Quran often compares disbelief to death and blindness whereas belief is compared to life and the ability to see.

289 Islam literally means 'submission to the Will of Allah.'

لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٢٦﴾ وَهَذَا صِرَاطُ رَبِّكَ مُسْتَقِيمًا ۖ قَدْ  
فَصَّلْنَا الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَذَّكَّرُونَ ﴿١٢٧﴾ لَهُمْ دَارُ السَّلَامِ  
عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَهُوَ وَلِيُّهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢٨﴾ وَيَوْمَ  
يَحْشُرُهُمْ جَمِيعًا يَمْعَشَرُ الْجِنَّ قَدْ اسْتَكْثَرْتُمْ  
مِّنَ الْإِنسِ ۚ وَقَالَ أَوْلِيُّهُمْ مِّنَ الْإِنسِ رَبَّنَا  
اسْتَمْتَعَ بَعْضُنَا بِبَعْضٍ وَبَلَّغْنَا أَجَلَنَا الَّذِي  
أَجَلْتَ لَنَا ۖ قَالَ النَّارُ مَثْوًى لَّكُمْ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا إِلَّا  
مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ ۖ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ حَكِيمٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٢٩﴾ وَكَذَلِكَ  
نُؤَلِّي بِبَعْضِ الظَّالِمِينَ بَعْضًا بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿١٣٠﴾  
يَمْعَشَرُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنسِ أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ رُسُلٌ مِّنكُمْ  
يَقُصُّونَ عَلَيْكُمُ آيَاتِي وَيُنذِرُونَكُمْ لِقَاءَ يَوْمِكُمْ  
هَذَا ۖ قَالُوا شَهِدْنَا عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِنَا وَغَرَّتْهُمْ الْحَيَاةُ  
الدُّنْيَا وَشَهِدُوا عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا

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those who disbelieve. 126. That is your Lord's Path—perfectly straight. We have already made the signs clear to those who are mindful. 127. They will have the Home of Peace with their Lord, Who will be their Guardian because of what they used to do.

#### *Humans and Jinn on Judgment Day*

128. "Consider" the Day He will gather them 'all' together and say, "O assembly of jinn! You misled humans in great numbers." And their human associates will say, "Our Lord! We benefited from each other's company,<sup>290</sup> but now we have reached the term which You appointed for us." "Then" He will say, "The Fire is your home, yours to stay in forever, except whoever Allah wills to spare."<sup>291</sup> Surely your Lord is All-Wise, All-Knowing. 129. This is how We make the wrongdoers 'destructive' allies of one another because of their misdeeds.

#### *Confession of Evil Humans and Jinn*

130. "Allah will ask," "O assembly of jinn and humans! Did messengers not come from among you, proclaiming My revelations and warning you of the coming of this Day of yours?" They will say, "We confess against ourselves!" For they have been deluded by 'their' worldly life.

290 For example, the jinn helped humans with magic, while the jinn had a feeling of importance when they had a human following.

291 i.e., disobedient Muslims. They will be punished according to the severity of their sins, but eventually no Muslim will stay in Hell forever.

And they will testify against themselves that they were disbelievers. 131. This "sending of the messengers" is because your Lord would never destroy a society for their wrongdoing while its people are unaware 'of the truth'.

#### *The Good and the Evil*

132. They will each be assigned ranks according to their deeds. And your Lord is not unaware of what they do.

#### *Allah Is Not in Need of His Creation*

133. Your Lord is the Self-Sufficient, Full of Mercy. If He wills, He can do away with you and replace you with whoever He wills, just as He produced you from the offspring of other people. 134. Indeed, what you have been promised will certainly come to pass. And you will have no escape.

#### *Warning to Meccan Pagans*

135. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O my people! Persist in your ways, for I 'too' will persist in mine. You will soon know who will fare best in the end. Indeed, the wrongdoers will never succeed."

#### *Unfair Giving*<sup>292</sup>

136. The pagans set aside for Allah a share of the crops and cattle He created, saying, "This 'portion' is for Allah," so they claim, "and this 'one' for our associate-gods." Yet the portion of their associate-gods is not shared with Allah while Allah's portion is shared with their associate-gods. What unfair judgment!

#### *Self-Destruction*<sup>293</sup>

137. Likewise, the pagans' evil associates have made it appealing to them to kill their own children—

كُفْرِينَ ﴿٣١﴾ ذَلِكَ أَنْ لَّمْ يَكُنْ رَبُّكَ مُهْلِكَ الْقُرَىٰ  
يُظْلِمُ وَأَهْلُهَا غَفْلُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَلِكُلِّ دَرَجَةٍ مِمَّا  
عَمِلُوا ۖ وَمَا رَبُّكَ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَرَبُّكَ  
الْغَنِيُّ ذُو الرَّحْمَةِ ۖ إِنْ يَشَأْ يُدْهِبْكُمْ وَيَسْتَخْلِفْ  
مَنْ يَبْعَدُكُمْ ۖ مَا يَشَاءُ كَمَا أَنْشَأَكُمْ مِنْ ذُرِّيَّةِ  
قَوْمٍ آخَرِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾ إِنْ مَا تُوْعَدُونَ لَأَتِي ۖ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ  
بِمُعْجِزِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ قُلْ يَقَوْمِ اعْمَلُوا عَلَىٰ مَكَانَتِكُمْ ۖ إِنِّي  
عَامِلٌ ۚ فَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ ۚ مَنْ تَكُونُ لَهُ عَاقِبَةُ  
الدَّارِ ۖ إِنَّهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَجَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ مِمَّا  
ذَرَأَ مِنَ الْحَرْثِ وَالْأَنْعَامِ نَصِيبًا فَقَالُوا هَذَا  
لِلَّهِ بِزَعْمِهِمْ ۖ وَهَذَا لِشُرَكَائِنَا ۚ فَمَا كَانَ لِشُرَكَائِهِمْ  
فَلَا يَصِلُ إِلَى اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ فَهُوَ يَصِلُ إِلَى  
شُرَكَائِهِمْ ۚ سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَكَذَلِكَ زَيَّنَ لِكَثِيرٍ

مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

مَزَلٌ

<sup>292</sup> The pagans used to assign Allah a share of their property (as a charity to the poor) and another to their idols (as a fee to idol keepers). However, Allah's share always ended up in the pockets of the keepers, whereas the share of false gods was never donated to the poor.

<sup>293</sup> Some pagan Arabs used to kill their own children (especially females) for fear of poverty. Others would vow to sacrifice a son if blessed with a certain number of sons.



مِّنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ قَتَلَ أَوْلَادَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُهُمْ لِيُرُدُّوهُمْ  
 وَلِيَلْبِسُوا عَلَيْهِمْ دِينَهُمْ ۖ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا فَعَلُوا  
 فَعَلَهُمْ وَمَا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿١٣٨﴾ وَقَالُوا هَذِهِ أَنْعَامٌ  
 وَحَرْثٌ حِجْرٌ لَا يَطْعُمهَا إِلَّا مَنْ نَّشَاءَ بِزَعْمِهِمْ  
 وَأَنْعَامٌ حُرِّمَتْ ظُهُورُهَا وَأَنْعَامٌ لَا يَذْكُرُونَ  
 اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهَا افْتِرَاءٌ عَلَيْهِ ۖ سَيَجْزِيهِمْ بِمَا  
 كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿١٣٩﴾ وَقَالُوا مَا فِي بُطُونِ هَذِهِ  
 الْأَنْعَامِ خَالِصَةٌ لِّذُكُورِنَا وَمُحَرَّمٌ عَلَىٰ أَرْوَاجِنَا  
 وَإِنْ يَكُن مَّيِّتَةً فَهُمْ فِيهِ شُرَكَاءُ ۖ سَيَجْزِيهِمْ  
 وَصْفَهُمْ ۖ إِنَّهُ حَكِيمٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٤٠﴾ قَدْ خَسِرَ الَّذِينَ  
 قَتَلُوا أَوْلَادَهُمْ سَفَهًا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَحَرَّمُوا مَا  
 رَزَقَهُمُ اللَّهُ افْتِرَاءً عَلَى اللَّهِ ۖ قَدْ ضَلُّوا وَمَا كَانُوا  
 مُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٤١﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنشَأَ جَنَّتٍ مَّعْرُوشَةٍ

only leading to their destruction as well as confusion in their faith. Had it been Allah's Will, they would not have done such a thing. So leave them and their falsehood.

#### Idols' Share in Cattle and Crops

138. They say, "These cattle and crops are reserved—none may eat them except those we permit," so they claim. Some other cattle are exempted from labour and others are not slaughtered in Allah's Name—falsely attributing lies to Him. He will repay them for their lies. 139. They 'also' say, "The offspring of this cattle is reserved for our males and forbidden to our females; but if it is stillborn, they may all share it." He will repay them for their falsehood. Surely He is All-Wise, All-Knowing.

#### Lost in Ignorance

140. Lost indeed are those who have murdered their own children foolishly out of ignorance and have forbidden what Allah has provided for them—falsely attributing lies to Allah. They have certainly strayed and are not 'rightly' guided.

#### Allah's Bounties

141. He is the One Who produces gardens—

both cultivated and wild<sup>294</sup>—and palm trees, crops of different flavours, olives, and pomegranates—similar ‘in shape’, but dissimilar ‘in taste’. Eat from the fruit they bear and pay the dues at harvest, but do not waste. Surely He does not like the wasteful.

*Four Pairs of Cattle, Male and Female*<sup>295</sup>

142. Some cattle are fit for labour, others are too small.<sup>296</sup> Eat of what Allah has provided for you and do not follow Satan’s footsteps. Certainly, he is your sworn enemy.

143. ‘Allah has created’ four pairs: a pair of sheep and a pair of goats—ask ‘them, O Prophet’, “Has He forbidden ‘to you’ the two males or the two females or what is in the wombs of the two females? Tell me with knowledge, if what you say is true.”— 144. and a pair of camels and a pair of oxen. Ask ‘them’, “Has He forbidden ‘to you’ the two males or the two females or what is in the wombs of the two females? Or were you present when Allah gave you this commandment?”

وَّغَيْرَ مَعْرُوشَةٍ وَالنَّخْلَ وَالزَّرْعَ مُخْتَلِفًا أَكْلُهُ  
وَالزَّيْتُونَ وَالرَّكَّانَ مُتَشَابِهًا وَغَيْرَ مُتَشَابِهٍ ط  
كُلُوا مِنْ ثَمَرِهِ إِذَا أَثْمَرَ وَآتُوا حَقَّهُ يَوْمَ حَصَادِهِ ص  
وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ ۝ وَمِنَ  
الْأَنْعَامِ حَمُولَةٌ وَفَرَشَاءُ كُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ  
وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ ۝  
ثَمْنِيَّةٌ ۝ أَزْوَاجٌ ۝ مِنَ الصَّانِ اثْنَيْنِ وَمِنَ الْمَعْنِ  
اثْنَيْنِ ط قُلْ ۝ الذَّكَرَيْنِ حَرَّمَ أَمِ الْأُنثَيَيْنِ أَمَّا  
اشْتَمَلَتْ عَلَيْهِ أَرْحَامُ الْأُنثَيَيْنِ ط نَبِّئُونِي بِعِلْمٍ  
إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ۝ وَمِنَ الْإِبِلِ اثْنَيْنِ وَمِنَ  
الْبَقَرِ اثْنَيْنِ ط قُلْ ۝ الذَّكَرَيْنِ حَرَّمَ أَمِ الْأُنثَيَيْنِ  
أَمَّا اشْتَمَلَتْ عَلَيْهِ أَرْحَامُ الْأُنثَيَيْنِ ط أَمْ كُنْتُمْ  
شُهَدَاءَ إِذْ وَصَّيَكُمُ اللَّهُ بِهِذَا ۝ فَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ

أَفْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ

منزل ٢

294 Or trellised and untrellised.

295 These four pairs were the main domesticated cattle in Arabia at the time of revelation.

296 Strong cattle like camels and oxen can be used for labour, whereas smaller ones like goats and sheep are not suitable for labour but are good for their meat, milk, hide, etc.

افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا لِيُضِلَّ النَّاسَ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ إِنَّ  
 اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٣٣﴾ قُلْ لَا أَجِدُ فِي  
 مَا أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ مُحَرَّمًا عَلَى طَاعِمٍ يَطْعَمُهُ إِلَّا أَنْ  
 يَكُونَ مَيْتَةً أَوْ دَمًا مَسْفُوحًا أَوْ لَحْمَ خَنْزِيرٍ فَإِنَّهُ  
 رَجَسٌ أَوْ فِسْقًا أُهِلَّ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ بِهِ ۖ فَمَنِ اضْطُرَّ غَيْرَ  
 بَاطِلٍ وَلَا عَادٍ فَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٣٤﴾ وَعَلَى الَّذِينَ  
 هَادُوا حَرَّمْنَا كُلَّ ذِي ظُفْرٍ ۖ وَمِنَ الْبَقَرِ وَالْغَنَمِ  
 حَرَّمْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ شُحُومَهُمَا إِلَّا مَا حَمَلَتْ ظُهُورُهُمَا  
 أَوِ الْحَوَايَا أَوْ مَا اخْتَلَطَ بِعَظْمٍ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ جَزَيْنَهُمْ بِبَعْثِهِمْ  
 وَإِنَّا لَصَدِيقُونَ ﴿١٣٥﴾ فَإِنْ كَذَّبُوكَ فَقُلْ رَبُّكُمْ ذُو  
 رَحْمَةٍ وَاسِعَةٍ ۖ وَلَا يُرَدُّ بَأْسُهُ عَنِ الْقَوْمِ  
 الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿١٣٦﴾ سَيَقُولُ الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا لَوْ شَاءَ  
 اللَّهُ مَا أَشْرَكْنَا وَلَا آبَاؤُنَا وَلَا حَرَّمْنَا مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۚ

كَذَٰلِكَ

مِثْلُ ٢

Who does more wrong than those who fabricate lies against Allah to mislead others without "any" knowledge? Surely Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people.

#### Meat Forbidden to Muslims

145. Say, "O Prophet," "I do not find in what has been revealed to me anything forbidden to eat except carrion, running blood, swine—which is impure—or a sinful offering in the name of any other than Allah. But if someone is compelled by necessity—neither driven by desire nor exceeding immediate need—then surely your Lord is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

#### Meat Forbidden to Jews

146. For those who are Jewish, We forbade every animal with undivided hoofs and the fat of oxen and sheep except what is joined to their backs or intestines or mixed with bone. In this way We rewarded them for their violations. And We are certainly truthful. 147. But if they deny you "O Prophet", say, "Your Lord is infinite in mercy, yet His punishment will not be averted from the wicked people."

#### Free Choice

148. The polytheists will argue, "Had it been Allah's Will, neither we nor our forefathers would have associated others with Him 'in worship' or made anything unlawful."

Likewise, those before them rejected the truth until they tasted Our punishment. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Do you have any knowledge that you can produce for us? Surely you follow nothing but 'false' assumptions and you do nothing but lie." 149. Say, "Allah has the most conclusive argument. Had it been His Will, He would have easily imposed guidance upon all of you." 150. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Bring your witnesses who can testify that Allah has forbidden this." If they 'falsely' testify, do not testify with them. And do not follow the desires of those who deny Our proofs, disbelieve in the Hereafter, and set up equals with their Lord.

#### Allah's Commandments

151. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Come! Let me recite to you what your Lord has forbidden to you: do not associate others with Him 'in worship'. 'Do not fail to' honour your parents. Do not kill your children for fear of poverty. We provide for you and for them. Do not come near indecencies, openly or secretly. Do not take a 'human' life—made sacred by Allah—except with 'legal' right.<sup>297</sup>

كَذَلِكَ كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ حَتَّى ذَاقُوا  
بَاسَنَا ۖ قُلْ هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ مِّنْ عِلْمٍ فَتُخْرِجُوهُ لَنَا ۖ  
إِنْ تَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَإِنْ أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا تَخْرُصُونَ ﴿١٤٩﴾  
قُلْ فَلِلَّهِ الْحُجَّةُ الْبَالِغَةُ ۖ فَلَوْ شَاءَ لَهَدَىٰكُمْ  
أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٥٠﴾ قُلْ هَلَمْ شَهِدَآءُكُمْ الَّذِينَ يَشْهَدُونَ  
أَنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ هَٰذَا ۖ فَإِنْ شَهِدُوا فَلَا تَشْهَدُ مَعَهُمْ ۚ  
وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَالَّذِينَ لَا  
يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ وَهُمْ بِرَبِّهِمْ يَعْدِلُونَ ﴿١٥١﴾ قُلْ  
تَعَالَوْا أَتْلُ مَا حَرَّمَ رَبِّي عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ أَلَّا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ  
شَيْئًا ۖ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ  
مِّنْ إِمْلَاقٍ ۖ نَّحْنُ نَرِزُقُكُمْ وَأَيَّاهُمْ ۖ وَلَا تَقْرُبُوا  
الْفَوَاحِشَ مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ ۖ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا  
النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ ۖ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ ۖ ذَٰلِكُمْ وَصَّاكُمُ

بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ

مَنْزِلَ ٢

297 For example, in retaliation for intentional killing through legal channels.

بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٥١﴾ وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا مَالَ الْيَتِيمِ إِلَّا  
 بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ حَتَّىٰ يَبْلُغَ أَشُدَّهُ ۖ وَأَوْفُوا  
 الْكَيْلَ وَالْمِيزَانَ بِالْقِسْطِ ۚ لَا تَكْلَفُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا  
 وُسْعَهَا ۚ وَإِذَا قُلْتُمْ فَاعْدِلُوا وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ ۖ  
 وَبِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ أَوْفُوا ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ وَصَّيْكُمْ بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ  
 تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٥٢﴾ وَأَنَّ هَٰذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ  
 فَاتَّبِعُوهُ ۚ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا السُّبُلَ فَتَفَرَّقَ بِكُمْ عَنْ  
 سَبِيلِهِ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ وَصَّيْكُمْ بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٥٣﴾ ثُمَّ  
 آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ تِبَاءًا عَلَى الَّذِي أَحْسَنَ  
 وَتَفْصِيلًا لِّكُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لَّعَلَّهُمْ يُلْقَا  
 رَبَّهُمْ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٥٤﴾ وَهَٰذَا كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مَبَارَكٌ  
 فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٥٥﴾ أَنْ تَقُولُوا  
 إِنَّمَا أَنْزَلَ الْكِتَابَ عَلَى طَائِفَتَيْنِ مِنْ قَبْلِنَا ۖ

This is what He has commanded you, so perhaps you will understand. 152. And do not come near the wealth of the orphan—unless intending to enhance it—until they attain maturity. Give full measure and weigh with justice. We never require of any soul more than what it can afford. Whenever you speak,<sup>298</sup> maintain justice—even regarding a close relative. And fulfil your covenant with Allah. This is what He has commanded you, so perhaps you will be mindful. 153. Indeed, that is My Path—perfectly straight. So follow it and do not follow other ways, for they will lead you away from His Way. This is what He has commanded you, so perhaps you will be conscious 'of Allah'.<sup>299</sup>

#### The Torah

154. Additionally, We gave Moses the Scripture, completing the favour upon those who do good, detailing everything, and as a guide and a mercy, so perhaps they would be certain of the meeting with their Lord.

#### The Quran

155. This is a blessed Book We have revealed. So follow it and be mindful 'of Allah', so you may be shown mercy. 156. You 'pagans' can no longer say, "Scriptures were only revealed to two groups before

us and we were unaware of their teachings.” 157. Nor can you say, “If only the Scriptures had been revealed to us, we would have been better guided than they.” Now there has come to you from your Lord a clear proof<sup>299</sup>—a guide and mercy. Who then does more wrong than those who deny Allah’s revelations and turn away from them? We will reward those who turn away from Our revelations with a dreadful punishment for turning away.

#### *Waiting for the Apocalypse?*

158. Are they awaiting the coming of the angels, or your Lord ‘Himself’, or some of your Lord’s ‘major’ signs? On the Day your Lord’s signs arrive, belief will not benefit those who did not believe earlier or those who did no good through their faith.<sup>300</sup> Say, “Keep waiting! We too are waiting.”

#### *Not Responsible*

159. Indeed, you ‘O Prophet’ are not responsible whatsoever for those who have divided their faith and split into sects. Their judgment rests only with Allah. And He will inform them of what they used to do.

#### *Reward for Good and Evil Deeds*

160. Whoever comes with a good deed will be rewarded tenfold.

وَإِنْ كُنَّا عَنْ دِرَاسَتِهِمْ لَغَفِيلِينَ ﴿١٥٧﴾ أَوْ تَقُولُوا لَوْ  
 أَنَّا أُنْزِلَ عَلَيْنَا الْكِتَابُ لَكُنَّا أَهْدَى مِنْهُمْ ؕ  
 فَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بَيِّنَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ  
 فَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَذَبَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَصَدَفَ  
 عَنْهَا ۖ سَنَجْزِي الَّذِينَ يَصْدِفُونَ عَنْ آيَاتِنَا  
 سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ بِمَا كَانُوا يَصْدِفُونَ ﴿١٥٨﴾ هَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ  
 إِلَّا أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَوْ يَأْتِيَ رَبُّكَ أَوْ يَأْتِيَ  
 بَعْضُ آيَاتِ رَبِّكَ ۖ يَوْمَ يَأْتِي بَعْضُ آيَاتِ رَبِّكَ  
 لَا يَنْفَعُ نَفْسًا إِيْمَانُهَا لَمْ تَكُنْ أَمَنَتْ مِّن قَبْلُ  
 أَوْ كَسَبَتْ فِي إِيمَانِهَا خَيْرًا ۗ قُلِ انْتَضِرُوا إِنَّا  
 مُنْتَظِرُونَ ﴿١٥٩﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا  
 شِيَعًا لَّسْتَ مِنْهُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ ؕ إِنَبَأَ أَمْرُهُمْ إِلَى اللَّهِ  
 ثُمَّ يُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿١٦٠﴾ مَن جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ

فَلَهُ عَشْرُ

مَرَّةٍ

299 i.e., the Quran.

300 This refers to disobedient believers who neither did any good nor repented before the time of their death or the arrival of the Day of Judgment. This is supported by authentic narrations from the Prophet (ﷺ).

فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا ۚ وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا  
يُجْزَىٰ إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿١٦١﴾ قُلْ إِنِّي  
هَدَانِي رَبِّيَ إِلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ۚ دِينًا قِيمًا  
مِّلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا ۚ وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿١٦٢﴾  
قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ  
رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٦٣﴾ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ۚ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ  
وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٦٤﴾ قُلْ أَغَيْرَ اللَّهِ أَبْغِي رَبًّا  
وَهُوَ رَبُّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ ۚ وَلَا تَكْسِبُ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ  
إِلَّا عَلَيْهَا ۚ وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ ۚ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ  
رَبِّكُمْ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿١٦٥﴾  
وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَكُمْ خَلَائِفَ الْأَرْضِ وَرَفَعَ بَعْضَكُمْ  
فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ دَرَجَاتٍ لِّيَبْلُوَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ  
رَبَّكَ سَرِيعُ الْعِقَابِ ۚ وَإِنَّهُ لَغَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ۚ ﴿١٦٦﴾

↑ But whoever comes with a bad deed will be punished for only one. None will be wronged.

#### Way of Life

161. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Surely my Lord has guided me to the Straight Path, a perfect way, the faith of Abraham, the upright, who was not one of the polytheists." 162. Say, "Surely my prayer, my worship, my life, and my death are all for Allah—Lord of all worlds. 163. He has no partner. So I am commanded, and so I am the first to submit."

#### Divine Justice

164. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Should I seek a lord other than Allah while He is the Lord of everything?" No one will reap except what they sow. No soul burdened with sin will bear the burden of another. Then to your Lord is your return, and He will inform you of your differences.

#### Test of Life

165. He is the One Who has placed you as successors on earth and elevated some of you in rank over others, so He may test you with what He has given you. Surely your Lord is swift in punishment, but He is certainly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.



## 7. The Heights (Al-A'rāf)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Advice to the Prophet*

1. *Alif-Lām-Mīm-Ṣād*. 2. "This is" a Book sent down to you "O Prophet"—do not let anxiety into your heart regarding it—so with it you may warn "the disbelievers", and as a reminder to the believers.

*Advice to Humanity*

3. Follow what has been sent down to you from your Lord, and do not take others as guardians besides Him. How seldom are you mindful! 4. 'Imagine' how many societies We have destroyed! Our torment took them by surprise 'while sleeping' at night or midday. 5. Their only cry—when overwhelmed by Our torment—was, "We have indeed been wrongdoers."

*Response to Messengers*

6. We will surely question those who received messengers and We will question the messengers 'themselves'. 7. Then We will give them a full account with sure knowledge—for We were never absent.

*Weighing Deeds on Judgment Day*

8. The weighing on that Day will be just. As for those whose scale will be heavy 'with good deeds', 'only' they will be successful. 9. But those whose scale is light, they have doomed themselves for wrongfully

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْمَصِّ ١ كُتِبَ أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكَ فَلَا يَكُنْ فِي صَدْرِكَ  
خَجٌّ مِنْهُ لِتُنذِرَ بِهِ وَذِكْرَى لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ٢

اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكُم مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا مَن  
دُونِهِ أُولَئِكَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ ٣ وَكَمْ مِّنْ  
قَرْيَةٍ أَهْلَكْنَاهَا فَجَاءَهَا بَأْسُنَا بَيَاتًا أَوْ هُمْ قَائِلُونَ ٤

فَمَا كَانَ دَعْوَاهُمْ إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا  
إِنَّا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ ٥ فَلَنَسْئَلَنَّ الَّذِينَ أُرْسِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ  
وَلَنَسْئَلَنَّ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ٦ فَلَنَقُصَّنَّ عَلَيْهِمْ بِعِلْمٍ وَمَا  
كُنَّا غَائِبِينَ ٧ وَالْوَزْنُ يَوْمَئِذٍ الْحَقُّ ٨ فَمَن ثَقُلَتْ  
مَوَازِينُهُ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ٩ وَمَن خَفَّتْ  
مَوَازِينُهُ فَأُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ بَيَا كَانُوا

بِأَيَّتِنَا

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*Satan's Arrogance*

10. We have indeed established you on earth and provided you with a means of livelihood. "Yet" you seldom give any thanks. 11. Surely We created you,<sup>301</sup> then shaped you, then said to the angels, "Prostrate before Adam," so they all did—but not *Iblis*,<sup>302</sup> who refused to prostrate with the others. 12. Allah asked, "What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?" He replied, "I am better than he is: You created me from fire and him from clay." 13. Allah said, "Then get down from Paradise! It is not for you to be arrogant here. So get out! You are truly one of the disgraced." 14. He appealed, "Then delay my end until the Day of their resurrection." 15. Allah said, "You are delayed 'until the appointed Day'."<sup>303</sup> 16. He said, "For leaving me to stray I will lie in ambush for them on Your Straight Path. 17. I will approach them from their front, their back, their right, their left, and then You will find most of them ungrateful." 18. Allah said,

بَايْتَنَا يَظْلِمُونَ ۝٩ وَلَقَدْ مَكَّنَّاكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
وَجَعَلْنَا لَكُمْ فِيهَا مَعَايِشَ ۖ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ۝١٠  
وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَاكُمْ ثُمَّ صَوَّرْنَاكُمْ ثُمَّ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ  
اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ ۖ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ ۖ لَمْ يَكُنْ مِنَ  
السَّاجِدِينَ ۝١١ قَالَ مَا مَنَعَكَ آلَا تَسْجُدَ إِذْ أَمَرْتُكَ ۖ  
قَالَ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِنْ نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ  
طِينٍ ۝١٢ قَالَ فَاهْبِطْ مِنْهَا فَمَا يَكُونُ لَكَ أَنْ  
تَتَكَبَّرَ فِيهَا فَاخْرُجْ إِنَّكَ مِنَ الصَّاغِرِينَ ۝١٣ قَالَ  
أَنْظِرْنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ ۝١٤ قَالَ إِنَّكَ مِنَ  
الْمُنْظَرِينَ ۝١٥ قَالَ فِيمَا أُغْوَيْتَنِي لَأَقْعُدَنَّ لَهُمْ  
صِرَاطَكَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ۝١٦ ثُمَّ لَا تَتَبِعُهُمْ مِّنْ بَيْنِ  
أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ وَعَنْ  
شَمَائِلِهِمْ ۖ وَلَا تَجِدُ أَكْثَرَهُمْ شَاكِرِينَ ۝١٧ قَالَ

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301 i.e., your father, Adam (ﷺ).

302 See footnote for 2:34.

303 Satan asked to be allowed to live until humans are resurrected in order to escape death at the end of time. He was told he was going to live only until the time appointed by Allah Almighty.

“Get out of Paradise! You are disgraced and rejected! I will certainly fill up Hell with you and your followers all together.”

*Adam and Eve: Temptation and Fall*

19. “Allah said,” “O Adam! Live with your wife in Paradise and eat from wherever you please, but do not approach this tree, or else you will be wrongdoers.” 20. Then Satan tempted them in order to expose what was hidden of their nakedness. He said, “Your Lord has forbidden this tree to you only to prevent you from becoming angels or immortals.” 21. And he swore to them, “I am truly your sincere advisor.” 22. So he brought about their fall through deception. And when they tasted of the tree, their nakedness was exposed to them, prompting them to cover themselves with leaves from Paradise. Then their Lord called out to them, “Did I not forbid you from that tree and ‘did I not’ tell you that Satan is your sworn enemy?” 23. They replied, “Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves.

اٰخْرَجَ مِنْهَا مَذْعُوْمًا مَّدْحُوْرًا ۖ لَبِئْسَ تَبِعَكَ  
مِنْهُمْ لَا مَلَكْنَ جَهَنَّمَ مِنْكُمْ اَجْمَعِيْنَ ۝۱۸ وَيَا اٰدَمُ  
اَسْكُنْ اَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ فَكُلَا مِنْ حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا  
وَلَا تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُوْنَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِيْنَ ۝۱۹  
فَوَسَّوَسَ لَهُمَا الشَّيْطٰنُ لِيُبْدِيَ لَهُمَا مَا وَّرٰى عَنْهُمَا  
مِنْ سَوَاتِيْهِمَا وَقَالَ مَا نَهَاكُمَا رَبُّكُمَا عَنْ  
هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةِ اِلَّا اَنْ تَكُوْنَا مَلَكِيْنَ اَوْ تَكُوْنَا  
مِنَ الْخٰلِدِيْنَ ۝۲۰ وَقَاَسَمَهُمَا اِنِّيْ لَكُمَا لَیْنُ  
النُّصٰحِيْنَ ۝۲۱ فَدَلَّلَهُمَا بِغُرُوْرٍ فَلَمَّا ذَاَقَا الشَّجَرَةَ  
بَدَتْ لَهُمَا سَوَاتُهُمَا وَطَفِقَا يَخْصِفْنَ عَلٰیْهِمَا مِنْ  
وَرَقِ الْجَنَّةِ ۖ وَنَادٰهُمَا رَبُّهُمَا اَلَمْ اَنْهٰكُمَا عَنْ  
تِلْكَ الشَّجَرَةِ وَاَقُلْتُ لَكُمَا اِنَّ الشَّيْطٰنَ لَكُمَا عَدُوٌّ  
مُبِيْنٌ ۝۲۲ قَالَا رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا اَنْفُسَنَا سَئَةً وَاِنْ لَّمْ

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تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾ قَالَ  
 اهْبِطُوا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
 مُسْتَقَرٌّ وَمَتَاعٌ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٢٤﴾ قَالَ فِيهَا تَحْيَوْنَ  
 وَفِيهَا تَمُوتُونَ وَمِنْهَا تُخْرَجُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ يٰبَنِي آدَمَ  
 قَدْ أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكُمْ لِبَاسًا يُؤَارِي سَوَاتِكُمْ وَرِيشًا ۖ  
 وَلِبَاسُ التَّقْوَىٰ ذَٰلِكَ خَيْرٌ ذَٰلِكَ مِنْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ  
 لَعَلَّهُمْ يَذَّكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ يٰبَنِي آدَمَ لَا يَفْتِنَنَّكُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ  
 كَمَا أَخْرَجَ أَبَوَيْكُم مِّنَ الْجَنَّةِ يَنْزِعُ عَنْهُمَا لِبَاسَهُمَا  
 لِيُرِيَهُمَا سَوَاتِهِمَا ۖ إِنَّهُ يُرِيَكُمْ هُوَ وَقَبِيلُهُ مِمَّنْ  
 حَيْثُ لَا تَرَوْنَهُمْ ۖ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا الشَّيَاطِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ  
 لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَإِذَا فَعَلُوا فَاحِشَةً قَالُوا  
 وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهَا آبَاءَنَا وَاللَّهُ أَمَرَنَا بِهَا ۖ قُلْ  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَأْمُرُ بِالْفَحْشَاءِ ۖ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ اللَّهِ

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If You do not forgive us and have mercy on us, we will certainly be losers.” 24. Allah said, “Descend as enemies to each other.”<sup>304</sup> You will find in the earth a residence and provision for your appointed stay.” 25. He added, “There you will live, there you will die, and from there you will be resurrected.”

#### Best Clothing

26. O children of Adam! We have provided for you clothing to cover your nakedness and as an adornment. However, the best clothing is righteousness. This is one of Allah’s bounties, so perhaps you will be mindful.

#### Warning Against Satan

27. O children of Adam! Do not let Satan deceive you as he tempted your parents out of Paradise and caused their cover to be removed in order to expose their nakedness. Surely he and his soldiers watch you from where you cannot see them. We have made the devils allies of those who disbelieve. 28. Whenever they commit a shameful deed,<sup>305</sup> they say, “We found our forefathers doing it and Allah has commanded us to do it.” Say, “No! Allah never commands what is shameful.

<sup>304</sup> There will be enmity between humans and Satan.

<sup>305</sup> It was customary for the pagans of Mecca to circle the Ka’bah while naked. So verses 26-31 of this sûrah were revealed commanding the believers to cover themselves properly when praying to their Lord.

How can you attribute to Allah what you do not know?" 29. Say, "O Prophet," "My Lord has commanded uprightness and dedication 'to Him alone' in worship, calling upon Him with sincere devotion. Just as He first brought you into being, you will be brought to life again." 30. He has guided some, while others are destined to stray. They have taken devils as their masters instead of Allah—thinking they are 'rightly' guided.

#### The Lawful and the Forbidden

31. O Children of Adam! Dress properly whenever you are at worship. Eat and drink, but do not waste. Surely He does not like the wasteful. 32. Ask, 'O Prophet,' "Who has forbidden the adornments and lawful provisions Allah has brought forth for His servants?" Say, "They are for the enjoyment of the believers in this worldly life, but they will be exclusively theirs on the Day of Judgment."<sup>306</sup> This is how We make Our revelations clear for people of knowledge." 33. Say, "My Lord has only forbidden open and secret indecencies, sinfulness, unjust aggression, associating 'others' with Allah 'in worship'—

مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ قُلْ أَمَرَ رَبِّي بِالْقِسْطِ وَأَقِيمُوا  
وُجُوهَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَادْعُوهُ مُخْلِصِينَ  
لَهُ الدِّينَ هَ كَمَا بَدَأَكُمْ تَعُودُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ فَرِيقًا هَدَى  
وَفَرِيقًا حَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الضَّلَالَةُ إِنَّهُمْ اتَّخَذُوا  
الشَّيَاطِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَيَحْسَبُونَ  
أَنَّهُمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ يَبْنِي أَدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ  
كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ  
لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ ﴿٣١﴾ قُلْ مَنْ حَرَّمَ زِينَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي  
أَخْرَجَ لِعِبَادِهِ وَالطَّيِّبَاتِ مِنَ الرِّزْقِ قُلْ هِيَ  
لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا خَالِصَةً يَوْمَ  
الْقِيَامَةِ كَذَلِكَ نَفْصِلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾  
قُلْ إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ رَبِّي الْفَوَاحِشَ مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا  
وَمَا بَاطِنَ وَالْإِثْمَ وَالْبَغْيَ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَأَنْ تُشْرَكُوا

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306 The pleasures of this worldly life are shared by believers and disbelievers, whereas the pleasures of the Hereafter will be enjoyed exclusively by the believers.

بِاللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُنْزِلْ بِهِ سُلْطٰنًا ۖ وَآَنَ تَقُولُوا عَلَىٰ

اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ أَجَلٌ ۖ فَإِذَا جَاءَ

أَجَلُهُمْ لَا يَسْتَخِرُونَ سَاعَةً ۚ وَلَا يَسْتَقْدِمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

يٰٓبَنِي آدَمَ ۖ إِنَّمَا يَأْتِيَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنكُمْ يَقْصُونَ

عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِي ۖ فَمَن اتَّبَعَ أَتَقْبَلُ وَأَصْلَحَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ

وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَالَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا

وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا عَنْهَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا

خَالِدُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ فَمَن أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ

كَذِبًا أَوْ كَذَّبَ بِآيَاتِهِ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ يَنَالُهُم نَصِيبُهُمْ

مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُنَا يَتَوَقَّوْنَهُمْ ۖ

قَالُوا إِنَّا مِمَّن كُنْتُمْ تَدْعُونَ ۖ مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ ۖ قَالُوا

ضَلُّوا عَنَّا وَشَهِدُوا عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا

كَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾ قَالَ ادْخُلُوا فِي أُمَمٍ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِّن

a practice He has never authorized—and attributing to Allah what you do not know.” 34. For each community there is an appointed term. When their time arrives, they can neither delay it for a moment, nor could they advance it.

#### Receiving the Truth

35. O children of Adam! When messengers from among yourselves come to you reciting My revelations—whoever shuns evil and mends their ways, there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve.

36. But those who receive Our revelations with denial and arrogance will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever.

#### Evil Leaders and Their Followers

37. Who does more wrong than those who fabricate lies against Allah or deny His revelations? They will receive what is destined for them,<sup>307</sup> until Our messenger-angels arrive to take their souls, asking them, “Where are those ‘false gods’ you used to invoke besides Allah?” They will cry, “They have failed us,” and they will confess against themselves that they were indeed disbelievers. 38. Allah will say, “Enter the Fire along with the ‘evil’ groups of jinn and humans that preceded you.”

Whenever a group enters Hell, it will curse the preceding one until they are all gathered inside, the followers will say about their leaders, "Our Lord! They have misled us, so multiply their torment in the Fire." He will answer, "It has already been multiplied for all, but you do not know." 39. Then the leaders will say to their followers, "You were no better than us! So taste the torment for what you used to commit."

#### *Punishment of the Disbelievers*

40. Surely those who receive our revelations with denial and arrogance, the gates of heaven will not be opened for them, nor will they enter Paradise until a camel passes through the eye of a needle. This is how We reward the wicked. 41. Hell will be their bed; flames will be their cover. This is how We reward the wrongdoers.

#### *Reward of the Believers*

42. As for those who believe and do good—We never require of any soul more than what it can afford—

قَبْلَكُمْ مِّنَ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنسِ فِي النَّارِ كُلَّمَا دَخَلَتْ  
أُمَّةٌ لَّعَنَتْ أُخْتَهَا حَتَّىٰ إِذَا ادَّارَكُوا فِيهَا جَمِيعًا ۖ  
قَالَتْ أَخْرِبْهُمْ وَلَاوْلَهُمْ رَبَّنَا هَؤُلَاءِ أَضَلُّونَا  
فَاتِهِمْ عَذَابًا ضِعْفًا مِّنَ النَّارِ ۚ قَالَ لِكُلِّ  
ضِعْفٍ وَلَكِنَّ لَّا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَقَالَتْ أُولَهُمْ  
لَاخْرِبْهُمْ فَمَا كَانَ لَكُمْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ فَضْلٍ  
فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾ إِنَّ  
الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا عَنْهَا لَا تُفَتَّحُ  
لَهُمْ أَبْوَابُ السَّمَاءِ وَلَا يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّىٰ  
يَلِجَ الْجَبَلُ فِي سَمِّ الْخِيَاطِ ۖ وَكَذَٰلِكَ نَجْزِي  
الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٤١﴾ لَهُمْ مِّنْ جَهَنَّمَ مِهَادٌ وَمِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ  
غَوَاشٍ ۖ وَكَذَٰلِكَ نَجْزِي الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَا نُكَلِّفُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا ۚ

أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾  
 وَنَزَعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ مِّنْ غِلٍّ تَجْرِي مِنْ  
 تَحْتِهِمُ الْأَنْهَارُ وَقَالُوا الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا  
 لِهَٰذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَهْتَدِيَ لَوْلَا أَنَّ هَدَانَا اللَّهُ  
 لَقَدْ جَاءَتْ رُسُلُ رَبِّنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَتُودُّونَ أَنْ  
 تُلْكَمُ الْجَنَّةَ أَوْ رِثْتُمُوهَا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾  
 وَنَادَىٰ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ أَصْحَابَ النَّارِ أَنْ قَدْ  
 وَجَدْنَا مَا وَعَدَنَا رَبُّنَا حَقًّا فَهَلْ وَجَدْتُمْ مَا  
 وَعَدَ رَبُّكُمْ حَقًّا ۖ قَالُوا نَعَمْ ۖ فَادْنُ مَوْدِنٌ  
 بَيْنَهُمْ أَنْ لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾ الَّذِينَ  
 يَصُدُّونَ عَنِ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَيَبْغُونَهَا عِوَجًا  
 وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَبَيْنَهُمَا حِجَابٌ  
 وَعَلَى الْأَعْرَافِ رِجَالٌ يَعْرِفُونَ كُلًّا بِسِيمَاهُمْ ۖ

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it is they who will be the residents of Paradise. They will be there forever. 43. We will remove whatever bitterness they had in their hearts.<sup>308</sup> Rivers will flow under their feet. And they will say, "Praise be to Allah for guiding us to this. We would have never been guided if Allah had not guided us. The messengers of our Lord had certainly come with the truth." It will be announced to them, "This is Paradise awarded to you for what you used to do."

#### The Lord's Promise

44. The residents of Paradise will call out to the residents of the Fire, "We have certainly found our Lord's promise to be true. Have you too found your Lord's promise to be true?" They will reply, "Yes, we have!" Then a caller will announce to both, "May Allah's condemnation be upon the wrongdoers, 45. those who hindered 'others' from Allah's Way, strived to make it 'appear' crooked, and disbelieved in the Hereafter."

#### People on the Heights<sup>309</sup>

46. There will be a barrier between Paradise and Hell. And on the heights 'of that barrier' will be people<sup>310</sup> who will recognize 'the residents of' both by their appearance.<sup>311</sup>

308 i.e., the bitterness they had in their hearts towards other believers who wronged them in the worldly life.

309 This is a group of people whose good deeds equal their bad deeds, so they will be held on the heights separating Paradise and Hellfire until their judgment is settled.

310 Although the word "rijâl" generally means "men," some Quran commentators believe that the word "rijâl" here can also mean "people," but they are called men since men make up the majority in the group. In some Arabic dialects, "rijâl" is the plural of "rajul" (man) and "rajulah" (woman).

311 The faces of the residents of Paradise will be bright, whereas those of the residents of Hell will be gloomy.

They will call out to the residents of Paradise, "Peace be upon you!" They will have not yet entered Paradise, but eagerly hope to. 47. When their eyes will turn towards the residents of Hell, they will pray, "Our Lord! Do not join us with the wrongdoing people." 48. Those on the heights will call out to some 'tyrants in the Fire', who they will recognize by their appearance, saying, "Your large numbers and arrogance are of no use 'today'! 49. Are these 'humble believers' the ones you swore would never be shown Allah's mercy?" 'Finally, those on the heights will be told: "Enter Paradise! There is no fear for you, nor will you grieve."

#### Disbelievers Begging Believers

50. The residents of the Fire will then cry out to the residents of Paradise, "Aid us with some water or any provision Allah has granted you." They will reply, "Allah has forbidden both to the disbelievers, 51. those who took this<sup>312</sup> faith 'of Islam' as mere amusement and play and were deluded by 'their' worldly life." 'Allah will say,'

وَنَادُوا أَصْحَابَ الْجَنَّةِ أَنْ سَلِّمُوا عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ لَمْ يَدْخُلُوهَا وَهُمْ يَطْمَعُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ وَإِذَا أَصْرَفْتُمْ أَبْصَارَهُمْ تِلْقَاءَ أَصْحَابِ النَّارِ ۖ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا مَعَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَنَادَى أَصْحَابُ الْأَعْرَافِ رِجَالًا يَعْرِفُونَهُمْ بِسِيمَاهُمْ ۖ قَالُوا مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْكُمْ جَمْعُكُمْ وَمَا كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ أَهَؤُلَاءِ الَّذِينَ أَقْسَمْتُمْ لَا يَنَالُهُمُ اللَّهُ بِرَحْمَةٍ ۖ ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْكُمْ وَلَا أَنْتُمْ تَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَنَادَى أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ أَصْحَابَ الْجَنَّةِ أَنْ أَفِيضُوا عَلَيْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ أَوْ مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ ۖ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَهَا عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا دِينَهُمْ لَهْوًا وَلَعِبًا ۖ وَغَرَّتْهُمْ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا ۚ فَالْيَوْمَ نَنسِفُهُمْ كَمَا نَسَوَا لِقَاءَ يَوْمِهِمْ هَٰذَا وَمَا

كَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا

مَعْرِفِينَ ۚ



"Today We will ignore them just as they ignored the coming of this Day of theirs and for rejecting Our revelations."

### Too Late

52. We have certainly brought them a Book which We explained with knowledge—a guide and mercy for those who believe. 53. Do they only await the fulfilment 'of its warning'? The Day it will be fulfilled, those who ignored it before will say, "The messengers of our Lord certainly came with the truth. Are there any intercessors who can plead on our behalf? Or can we be sent back so we may do 'good,' unlike what we used to do?" They will have certainly ruined themselves, and whatever 'gods' they fabricated will fail them.

### The Almighty Creator

54. Indeed your Lord is Allah Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days,<sup>313</sup> then established Himself on the Throne. He makes the day and night overlap in rapid succession. He created the sun, the moon, and the stars—all subjected by His command. The creation and the command belong to Him 'alone'. Blessed is Allah—Lord of all worlds! 55. Call upon your Lord humbly and secretly. Surely He does not like the transgressors.

كَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يَجْحَدُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾ وَلَقَدْ جِئْتَهُمْ بِكِتَابٍ

فَصَلَّنَاهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾

هَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا تَأْوِيلَهُ يَوْمَ يَأْتِ تَأْوِيلُهُ

يَقُولُ الَّذِينَ نَسُوهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ قَدْ جَاءَتْ رُسُلُ

رَبِّنَا بِالْحَقِّ ۖ فَهَلْ لَنَا مِنْ شُفَعَاءَ فَيَشْفَعُوا

لَنَا أَوْ نُردُّ فَنَعْمَلْ غَيْرَ الَّذِي كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ ۖ قَدْ

خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾

إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ

فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۚ يُغْشَى

الَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ يَطْلُبُهُ حَثِيثًا ۚ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ

وَالنُّجُومُ مُسَخَّرَاتٌ بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ ۗ

تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾ اُدْعُوا رَبَّكُمْ

تَضَرُّعًا وَخُفْيَةً ۚ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُبْتَدِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾

وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا

313 The word day is not always used in the Quran to mean a 24-hour period. According to 22:47, a heavenly Day is 1000 years of our time. The Day of Judgment will be 50 000 years of our time (see 70:4). Hence, the six Days of creation refer to six eons of time, known only by Allah.

56. Do not spread corruption in the land after it has been set in order. And call upon Him with hope and fear. Indeed, Allah's mercy is always close to the good-doers.

#### Parable of Resurrection

57. He is the One Who sends the winds ushering in His mercy. When they bear heavy clouds, We drive them to a lifeless land and then cause rain to fall, producing every type of fruit. Similarly, We will bring the dead to life, so perhaps you will be mindful.

#### Parable of Believers and Disbelievers

58. The fertile land produces abundantly by the Will of its Lord, whereas the infertile land hardly produces anything. This is how We vary 'Our' lessons to those who are thankful.

#### Prophet Noah

59. Indeed, We sent Noah to his people. He said, "O my people! Worship Allah—you have no other god except Him. I truly fear for you the torment of a tremendous Day."

#### His People's Response

60. But the chiefs of his people said, "We surely see that you are clearly misguided."

وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا وَادْعُوهُ خَوْفًا  
وَطَمَعًا ۚ إِنَّ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾  
وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُرْسِلُ الرِّيحَ بُشْرًا لِّبَيْنِ يَدَيْ  
رَحْمَتِهِ ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَقْلَتِ سَحَابًا ثِقَالًا سُقْنَاهُ  
لِبَلَدٍ مَّيِّتٍ فَأَنْزَلْنَا بِهِ الْمَاءَ فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ  
مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ ۚ كَذَلِكَ نُخْرِجُ الْمَوْتَى لَعَلَّكُمْ  
تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَالْبَلَدُ الطَّيِّبُ يَخْرِجُ نَبَاتَهُ  
بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِ ۚ وَالَّذِي خَبثَ لَا يَخْرِجُ إِلَّا نَكِدًا ۚ  
كَذَلِكَ نُصَرِّفُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾  
لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَقَالَ يٰقَوْمِ  
اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهِ غَيْرُهُ ۚ إِنِّي  
أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٥٩﴾ قَالَ  
الْمَلَأُ مِنْ قَوْمِهِ إِنَّا لَنَرُكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٦٠﴾

قَالَ يٰقَوْمِ

مَنْزِلَ ٢

قَالَ يَقَوْمِ لَيْسَ بِي ضَلَالَةٌ وَلَكِنِّي رَسُولٌ  
 مِنْ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٩١﴾ أَبَلِّغُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي  
 وَأَنْصَحُ لَكُمْ وَأَعْلَمُ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩٢﴾  
 أَوْ عَجِبْتُمْ أَنْ جَاءَكُمْ ذِكْرٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ عَلَى  
 رَجُلٍ مِّنْكُمْ لِيُنذِرَكُمْ وَلِتَتَّقُوا وَلَعَلَّكُمْ  
 تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾ فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُ وَالَّذِينَ  
 مَعَهُ فِي الْفُلِكِ وَاعْرَقْنَا الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا  
 بِآيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمًا عَمِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾ وَإِلَى  
 عَادِ أَخَاهُمْ هُودًا ط قَالَ يَقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ  
 مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ ط أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾ قَالَ  
 الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ إِنَّا لَنَرُّكَ فِي  
 سَفَاهَةٍ وَإِنَّا لَنُظَنُّكَ مِنَ الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿٩٦﴾ قَالَ  
 يَقَوْمِ لَيْسَ بِي سَفَاهَةٌ وَلَكِنِّي رَسُولٌ مِنْ

61. He replied, "O my people! I am not misguided! But I am a messenger from the Lord of all worlds, 62. conveying to you my Lord's messages and giving you 'sincere' advice. And I know from Allah what you do not know. 63. Do you find it astonishing that a reminder should come to you from your Lord through one of your own, warning you, so you may beware and perhaps be shown mercy?"

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64. But they rejected him, so We saved him and those with him in the Ark, and drowned those who rejected Our signs. They were certainly a blind people.

#### Prophet Hûd

65. And to the people of 'Âd We sent their brother Hûd. He said, "O my people! Worship Allah—you have no other god except Him. Will you not then fear Him?"

#### His People's Response

66. The disbelieving chiefs of his people responded, "We surely see you as a fool, and we certainly think you are a liar." 67. Hûd replied, "O my people! I am no fool! But I am a messenger from the

Lord of all worlds, 68. conveying to you my Lord's messages. And I am your sincere advisor. 69. Do you find it astonishing that a reminder should come to you from your Lord through one of your own so he may warn you? Remember that He made you successors after the people of Noah and increased you greatly in stature. So remember Allah's favours, so you may be successful." 70. They said, "Have you come to us so that we would worship Allah alone and abandon what our forefathers used to worship? Then bring us what you threaten us with, if what you say is true!" 71. He said, "You will certainly be subjected to your Lord's torment and wrath. Do you dispute with me regarding the so-called gods which you and your forefathers have made up—a practice Allah has never authorized? Then wait! I too am waiting with you."

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72. So We saved him and those with

رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٦٨﴾ أُبَلِّغُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّ وَ أَنَا  
لَكُمْ نَاصِحٌ أَمِينٌ ﴿٦٩﴾ أَوْعَجِبْتُمْ أَنْ جَاءَكُمْ  
ذِكْرٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ عَلَى رَجُلٍ مِّنكُمْ لِيُنذِرَكُمْ  
وَ أَذْكُرُوا إِذْ جَعَلَكُمْ خُلَفَاءَ مِنْ مِّبْعَدِ قَوْمِ  
نُوحٍ وَ زَادَكُمْ فِي الْخَلْقِ بَصۜطَةً ۚ فَادْكُرُوا  
الْآءَ اللّٰهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ قَالُوا اإِجْعَلْنَا  
لِنَعْبُدَ اللّٰهَ وَحْدَهُ وَ نَذَرَ مَا كَانَ يَعْبُدُ  
آبَاؤُنَا ۚ فَآتِنَا بِمَا تَعِدُنَا إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ  
الصّٰدِقِينَ ﴿٧١﴾ قَالَ قَدْ وَقَعَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ  
رِجْسٌ وَ غَضَبٌ ۚ أَتُجَادِلُونَنِي فِيْ أَسْمَاءِ  
سَمِيتُمُوهَا أَنْتُمْ وَ آبَاؤُكُمْ مَا نَزَّلَ اللّٰهُ  
بِهَا مِنْ سُلْطٰنٍ ۚ فَانْتَظِرُوا إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ مِنَ  
الْمُنْتَظِرِينَ ﴿٧٢﴾ فَانجَيْنَاهُ وَ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ بِرَحْمَةٍ

مَّنَّا وَقَطَعْنَا دَابِرَ الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَمَا

كَانُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾ وَإِلَى ثَمُودَ أَخَاهُمْ صَالِحًا

قَالَ يَقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ ۖ

قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بَيِّنَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ ۖ هَذِهِ نَاقَةُ اللَّهِ

لَكُمْ آيَةٌ ۖ فَذَرُوهَا تَأْكُلْ فِي أََرْضِ اللَّهِ

وَلَا تَمْسُوهَا بِسُوءٍ فَيَأْخُذَكُمْ عَذَابُ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٧٤﴾

وَإِذْ كُرُوا إِذْ جَعَلَكُمْ خُلَفَاءَ مِن بَعْدِ عَادٍ

وَبَوَّأَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ تَتَّخِذُونَ مِنْ سُهُولِهَا

قُصُورًا وَتَنْحِتُونَ الْجِبَالَ بُيُوتًا ۖ فَادْكُرُوا

الْآءَ اللَّهِ وَلَا تَعْتُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٧٥﴾

قَالَ الْبَلَاءُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ لِلَّذِينَ

اسْتَضَعُوا لِمَنْ آمَنَ مِنْهُمْ أَتَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ

صَالِحًا مُّرْسَلٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِ ۖ قَالُوا إِنَّا بِمَا أُرْسِلَ

him by Our mercy and uprooted those who denied Our signs. They were not believers.

#### Prophet Ṣāliḥ

73. And to the people of Thamûd We sent their brother Ṣāliḥ. He said, "O my people! Worship Allah—you have no other god except Him. A clear proof has come to you from your Lord: this is Allah's she-camel as a sign to you. So leave her to graze 'freely' on Allah's land and do not harm her, or else you will be overcome by a painful punishment.

74. Remember when He made you successors after 'Âd and established you in the land—"and" you built palaces on its plains and carved homes into mountains. So remember Allah's favours, and do not go about spreading corruption in the land."

#### His People's Response

75. The arrogant chiefs of his people asked the lowly who believed among them, "Are you certain that Ṣāliḥ has been sent by his Lord?" They replied,

“We certainly believe in what he has been sent with.” 76. The arrogant said, “We surely reject what you believe in.” 77. Then they killed the she-camel—defying their Lord’s command—and challenged ‘Sâlih’, “Bring us what you threaten us with, if you are ‘truly’ one of the messengers.”

#### The Fate of His People

78. Then an ‘overwhelming’ earthquake struck them, and they fell lifeless in their homes. 79. So he turned away from them, saying, “O my people! Surely I conveyed to you my Lord’s message and gave you ‘sincere’ advice, but you do not like ‘sincere’ advisors.”

#### Prophet Lot

80. And ‘remember’ when Lot scolded ‘the men of’ his people, ‘saying,’ “Do you commit a shameful deed that no man has ever done before? 81. You lust after men instead of women! You are certainly transgressors.”

#### His People’s Response

82. But his people’s only response was to say, “Expel them from your land! They are a people who wish to remain chaste!”

#### The Fate of His People

83. So We saved him and his family except his wife, who was one of the doomed.

بِهِ مُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٧٦﴾ قَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا بِالَّذِي  
 آمَنْتُمْ بِهِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٧٧﴾ فَعَقَرُوا النَّاقَةَ وَعَتَوْا  
 عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِمْ وَقَالُوا يُصْلِحُ ائْتِنَا بِمَا تَعِدُنَا  
 إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿٧٨﴾ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ  
 فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ جَثِيينَ ﴿٧٩﴾ فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ  
 وَقَالَ يَوْمَ لَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رَسُولَ رَبِّي وَنَصَحْتُ  
 لَكُمْ وَلَكِنْ لَا تُحِبُّونَ التَّصْحِيْنَ ﴿٨٠﴾ وَلَوْ طَا  
 إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ أَتَأْتُونَ الْفَاحِشَةَ مَا سَبَقَكُمْ  
 بِهَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِّنَ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٨١﴾ إِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ  
 الرِّجَالَ شَهْوَةً مِّنْ دُونِ النِّسَاءِ ۚ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ  
 مُّسْرِقُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾ وَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا  
 أَخْرِجُوهُمْ مِّنْ قَرْيَتِكُمْ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ أَنَاسٌ يَّتَطَهَّرُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾  
 فَأَجْبَيْنَاهُ وَأَهْلَهُ إِلَّا امْرَأَتَهُ ۖ كَانَتْ مِنَ الْغَابِرِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾

وَأَمْطَرْنَا

مَنْزِلَ ٢

وَأَمْطَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ مَطَرًا ۖ فَانْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ

الْجُرْمِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾ وَإِلَىٰ مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ شُعَيْبًا ۖ قَالَ

يَقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَٰهٍ غَيْرُهُ ۖ قَدْ

جَاءَتْكُمْ بَيِّنَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ فَأَوْفُوا الْكَيْلَ

وَالْيِزَانَ وَلَا تَبْخُسُوا النَّاسَ أَشْيَاءَهُمْ وَلَا تَفْسِدُوا

فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا ۖ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ

إِن كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾ وَلَا تَقْعُدُوا بِكُلِّ

صِرَاطٍ تُوعِدُونَ وَتَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

مَنْ آمَنَ بِهِ وَتَبْغُونَهَا عِوَجًا ۚ وَاذْكُرُوا إِذْ

كُنْتُمْ قَلِيلًا فَكَثَّرَكُمۖ وَانْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ

عَاقِبَةُ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٨٨﴾ وَإِنْ كَانَ طَآئِفَةٌ مِّنْكُمْ

آمَنُوا بِالَّذِي أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ وَطَآئِفَةٌ لَّمْ يُؤْمِنُوا

فَاصْبِرُوا حَتَّىٰ يَحْكُمَ اللَّهُ بَيْنَنَا ۚ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الْحَاكِمِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾

84. We poured upon them a rain 'of brimstone'. See what was the end of the wicked!

#### Prophet Shu'aib

85. And to the people of Midian We sent their brother Shu'aib. He said, "O my people! Worship Allah—you have no other god except Him. A clear proof has already come to you from your Lord. So give just measure and weight, do not defraud people of their property, nor spread corruption in the land after it has been set in order. This is for your own good, if you are 'truly' believers. 86. And do not lie in ambush on every road—threatening and hindering those who believe in Allah from His Path and striving to make it 'appear' crooked. Remember when you were few, then He increased you in number. And consider the fate of the corruptors! 87. If some of you do believe in what I have been sent with while others do not, then be patient until Allah judges between us. He is the Best of Judges."

## His People's Response

88. The arrogant chiefs of his people threatened, "O Shu'aib! We will certainly expel you and your fellow believers from our land, unless you return to our faith." He replied, "Even if we hate it? 89. We would surely be fabricating a lie against Allah if we were to return to your faith after Allah has saved us from it. It does not befit us to return to it unless it is the Will of Allah, our Lord. Our Lord has encompassed everything in 'His' knowledge. In Allah we trust. Our Lord! Judge between us and our people with truth. You are the best of those who judge."

## The Fate of His People

90. The disbelieving chiefs of his people threatened, "If you follow Shu'aib, you will surely be losers!" 91. Then an 'overwhelming' earthquake struck them and they fell lifeless in their homes. 92. Those who rejected Shu'aib were 'wiped out' as if they had never lived there. Those who rejected Shu'aib were the true losers. 93. He turned away from them, saying,

الْبَلَاءُ الْكَاسِبُ (٩)

قَالَ الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ لَنُخْرِجَنَّكَ  
يَشْعِيبَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَكَ مِنْ قَرْيَتِنَا أَوْ  
لَنَعُودَنَّ فِيْ مِلَّتِنَا ٨٨ قَالَ أَوْ لَوْ كُنَّا كُرْهِيْنَ ٨٩  
قَدْ افْتَرَيْنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا إِنْ عُدْنَا فِيْ مِلَّتِكُمْ  
بَعْدَ إِذْ بَخَّسْنَا اللَّهُ مِنْهَا ٩٠ وَمَا يَكُونُ لَنَا أَنْ نَعُودَ  
فِيْهَا إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّنَا ٩١ وَسِعَ رَبُّنَا كُلَّ  
شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا ٩٢ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا ٩٣ رَبَّنَا افْتَحْ بَيْنَنَا  
وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْفَاتِحِينَ ٩٤ وَقَالَ  
الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ لَئِنْ اتَّبَعْتُمْ شُعَيْبًا  
إِنَّكُمْ إِذَا الْخِسرُونَ ٩٥ فَآخَذَتْهُمْ الرِّجْفَةُ فَاصْبَحُوا  
فِيْ دَارِهِمْ جِثِيْنَ ٩٦ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا شُعَيْبًا  
كَانَ لَمْ يَعْنُوا فِيْهَا ٩٧ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا شُعَيْبًا كَانُوا  
هُمُ الْخٰسِرِينَ ٩٨ فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يٰ قَوْمِ لَقَدْ

مَعَ جِزْرِ الْكَاسِبِينَ (٩)

أَلَيْسَتْكُمْ

مَنْزِلَ ٢



أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رَسُولَ رَبِّي وَنَصَحْتُ لَكُمْ فَكَيْفَ أَسَى  
 عَلَى قَوْمٍ كَافِرِينَ ﴿٩٣﴾ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِي قَرْيَةٍ مِّن نَّبِيٍّ  
 إِلَّا أَخَذْنَا أَهْلَهَا بِالْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَاءِ لَعَلَّهُمْ  
 يَضُرَّعُونَ ﴿٩٤﴾ ثُمَّ بَدَّلْنَا مَكَانَ السَّيِّئَةِ الْحَسَنَةَ  
 حَتَّى عَفَوْا وَقَالُوا قَدْ مَسَّ آبَاءُنَا الضَّرَّاءُ وَالسَّرَّاءُ  
 فَأَخَذْنَاهُمْ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾ وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ  
 الْقُرَى آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ  
 السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَٰكِن كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَاهُم بِمَا  
 كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾ أَفَأَمِنَ أَهْلُ الْقُرَى أَن يَأْتِيَهُمْ  
 بَأْسُنَا بَيَاتًا وَهُمْ نَائِمُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾ أَوْ آمِنَ أَهْلُ الْقُرَى أَن  
 يَأْتِيَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا ضُحًى وَهُمْ يُلْعَبُونَ ﴿٩٨﴾ أَفَأَمِنُوا مَكْرَ  
 اللَّهِ فَلَا يَأْمَنُ مَكْرَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾  
 أَوَلَمْ يَهْدِ لِلَّذِينَ يَرِثُونَ الْأَرْضَ مِن بَعْدِ

أَهْلِهَا أَن لَّوْ

مَنْزِلَ ٢

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“O my people! Indeed, I have delivered to you the messages of my Lord and gave you ‘sincere’ advice. How can I then grieve for those who chose to disbelieve?”

### Destroyed Peoples

94. Whenever We sent a prophet to a society, We afflicted its ‘disbelieving’ people with suffering and adversity, so perhaps they would be humbled. 95. Then We changed their adversity to prosperity until they flourished and argued ‘falsely’, “Our forefathers ‘too’ had been visited by adversity and prosperity.”<sup>314</sup> So We seized them by surprise, while they were unaware.

### Learn from History

96. Had the people of those societies been faithful and mindful ‘of Allah’, We would have overwhelmed them with blessings from heaven and earth. But they disbelieved, so We seized them for what they used to commit. 97. Did the people of those societies feel secure that Our punishment would not come upon them by night while they were asleep? 98. Or did they feel secure that Our punishment would not come upon them by day while they were at play? 99. Did they feel secure against Allah’s planning? None would feel secure from Allah’s planning except the losers. 100. Is it not clear to those who take over the land after ‘the destruction of’ its former residents that—

314 They argued that life has its ups and downs and, therefore, they did not perceive adversity as a punishment or prosperity as a test—arguing that the same thing happened to their ancestors.

if We will—We can punish them 'too' for their sins and seal their hearts so they will not hear 'the truth'?

### Sealed Hearts

101. We have narrated to you 'O Prophet' some of the stories of those societies. Surely, their messengers came to them with clear proofs, but still they would not believe in what they had already denied. This is how Allah seals the hearts of the disbelievers. 102. We did not find most of them true to their covenant. Rather, We found most of them truly rebellious.

### Prophet Moses

103. Then after them We sent Moses with Our signs to Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they wrongfully rejected them. See what was the end of the corruptors! 104. And Moses said, "O Pharaoh! I am truly a messenger from the Lord of all worlds, 105. obliged to say nothing about Allah except the truth. Indeed, I have come to you with clear proof from your Lord, so let the children of Israel go with me." 106. Pharaoh said, "If you have come with a sign, then bring it if what you say is true." 107. So Moses threw

أَهْلَهَا أَنْ تَوْنَشَاءُ أَصْبَنُهُمْ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ، وَنُطْبِعُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾ تِلْكَ الْقُرَى نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِهَا، وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ، فَمَا كَانُوا لِيُؤْمِنُوا بِمَا كَذَّبُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ كَذَلِكَ يَطْبَعُ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٠٢﴾ وَمَا وَجَدْنَا لِأَكْثَرِهِمْ مِنْ عَهْدٍ، وَإِنْ وَجَدْنَا أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَفَاسِقِينَ ﴿١٠٣﴾ ثُمَّ بَعَثْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ مُوسَى بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَى فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِ، فَظَالَمُوا بِهَا، فَانْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿١٠٤﴾ وَقَالَ مُوسَى يُفِرْعَوْنُ إِنِّي رَسُولٌ مِنْ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٥﴾ حَقِيقٌ عَلَى أَنْ لَا أَقُولَ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْحَقَّ قَدْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِبَيِّنَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَأَرْسِلْ مَعِيَ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ ﴿١٠٦﴾ قَالَ إِنْ كُنْتَ جِئْتَ بِآيَةٍ فَأْتِ بِهَا إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿١٠٧﴾ فَأُلْقَى

عَصَاهُ فَإِذَا هِيَ ثُعْبَانٌ مُبِينٌ ۖ وَنَزَعَ يَدَهُ فَإِذَا  
 هِيَ بَيْضَاءُ لِلنُّظَرِ ۚ قَالَ الْمَلِكُ مِنْ قَوْمِ فِرْعَوْنَ  
 إِنَّ هَذَا لَسِحْرٌ عَلِيمٌ ۚ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُخْرِجَكُمْ مِنْ  
 أَرْضِكُمْ ۖ فَمَاذَا تَأْمُرُونَ ۚ قَالُوا أَرْجِهْ وَأَخَاهُ  
 وَأَرْسِلْ فِي الْمَدَائِنِ حَاشِرِينَ ۚ يَا تُوَكُّ بِكُلِّ سِحْرِ  
 عَلِيمٍ ۚ وَجَاءَ السَّحَرَةُ فِرْعَوْنَ قَالُوا إِنَّ لَنَا  
 لَأَجْرًا إِن كُنَّا نَحْنُ الْغَالِبِينَ ۚ قَالَ نَعَمْ وَإِنَّكُمْ لَبِينَ  
 الْمُقَرَّبِينَ ۚ قَالُوا يَمُوسَىٰ إِمَّا أَنْ تُلْقِيَ وَإِمَّا أَنْ  
 نَكُونَ نَحْنُ الْمُلْقِينَ ۚ قَالَ أَلْقُوا ۚ فَلَمَّا أَلْقَوْا  
 سَحَرُوا أَعْيُنَ النَّاسِ وَاسْتَرْهَبُوهُمْ وَجَاءُوا بِسِحْرِ  
 عَظِيمٍ ۚ وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ أَنْ أَلْقِ عَصَاكَ ۚ فَإِذَا  
 هِيَ تَلْقَفُ مَا يَأْفِكُونَ ۚ فَوَقَعَ الْحَقُّ وَبَطَلَ مَا  
 كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ۚ فَغُلِبُوا هُنَالِكَ وَانْقَلَبُوا

down his staff and—behold!—it became a real snake. 108. Then he drew his hand 'out of his collar' and it was 'shining' white for all to see.

#### Moses vs. Pharaoh's Magicians

109. The chiefs of Pharaoh's people said, "He is indeed a skilled magician, 110. who seeks to drive you from your land." "So Pharaoh asked," "What do you propose?" 111. They replied, "Let him and his brother wait and send mobilizers to all cities 112. to bring you every clever magician." 113. The magicians came to Pharaoh, saying, "Shall we receive a 'suitable' reward if we prevail?" 114. He replied, "Yes, and you will certainly be among those closest to me." 115. They asked, "O Moses! Will you cast, or shall we be the first to cast?" 116. Moses said, "You first." So when they did, they deceived the eyes of the people, stunned them, and made a great display of magic. 117. Then We inspired Moses, "Throw down your staff," and—behold!—it devoured the objects of their illusion! 118. So the truth prevailed and their illusions failed.

#### Magicians Become Believers

119. So Pharaoh and his people were defeated right there and put

to shame. 120. And the magicians fell down, prostrating. 121. They declared, "We 'now' believe in the Lord of all worlds— 122. the Lord of Moses and Aaron." 123. Pharaoh threatened, "How dare you believe in him before I give you permission? This must be a conspiracy you devised in the city to drive out its people, but soon you will see. 124. I will certainly cut off your hands and feet on opposite sides, then crucify you all." 125. They responded, "Surely to our Lord we will 'all' return. 126. Your rage towards us is only because we believed in the signs of our Lord when they came to us. Our Lord! Shower us with perseverance, and let us die while submitting 'to You'."<sup>315</sup>

#### Pharaoh's Persecution of the Israelites

127. The chiefs of Pharaoh's people protested, "Are you going to leave Moses and his people free to spread corruption in the land and abandon you and your gods?" He responded, "We will kill their sons and keep their women."<sup>316</sup> We will completely dominate them."

#### Moses Reassures His People

128. Moses reassured his people, "Seek Allah's help and be patient. Indeed, the earth belongs to Allah 'alone'.

صَغِيرِينَ ۖ وَالْقَى السَّحَرَةُ سُجَّدِينَ ۖ قَالُوا  
 آمَنَّا بِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۖ رَبِّ مُوسَى وَهَارُونَ ۖ  
 قَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ آمَنْتُمْ بِهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ آذَنَ لَكُمْ إِنَّ  
 هَذَا لَمَكْرٌ مَكْرَتُهُ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ لِيُخْرِجُوا مِنْهَا  
 أَهْلَهَا فَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ ۖ لَا قُطْعَنَ أَيْدِيكُمْ  
 وَارْجُلَكُمْ مِّنْ خِلَافٍ ثُمَّ لَأُصَلِّبَنَّكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ۖ  
 قَالُوا إِنَّا إِلَى رَبِّنَا مُنْقَلِبُونَ ۖ وَمَا نُنْقِمُ مِنْكَ  
 إِلَّا أَنْ آمَنَّا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّنَا لَمَّا جَاءَنَا رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ  
 عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَتَوَقَّنَا مُسْلِمِينَ ۖ وَقَالَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْ  
 قَوْمِ فِرْعَوْنَ أَتَذَرُ مُوسَى وَقَوْمَهُ لِيُفْسِدُوا فِي  
 الْأَرْضِ وَيَذَرَكَ وَالْهَتَكَ ۖ قَالَ سَنَقْبِلُ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ  
 وَنَسْتَحْيِي نِسَاءَهُمْ ۖ وَإِنَّا فَوْقَهُمْ قَاهِرُونَ ۖ قَالَ  
 مُوسَى لِقَوْمِهِ اسْتَعِينُوا بِاللَّهِ وَاصْبِرُوا ۖ إِنَّ

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315 lit., as Muslims.

316 As we did before the birth of Moses.

الْأَرْضَ لِلَّهِ يُورِثُهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ط  
 وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١٢٩﴾ قَالُوا أَوْذَيْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ  
 أَنْ تَأْتِيَنَا وَمِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جِئْتَنَا ط قَالَ عَلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ  
 أَنْ يَهْلِكَ عَدُوُّكُمْ وَيَسْتَخْلِفَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرَ  
 كَيْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٣٠﴾ وَلَقَدْ أَخَذْنَا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ  
 بِالسِّنِينَ وَنَقْصٍ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَذَّكَّرُونَ ﴿١٣١﴾  
 فَإِذَا جَاءَ تَهُمُ الْحَسَنَةُ قَالُوا لَنَا هَذِهِ ؤ وَإِنْ  
 تُصِبَّهُمْ سَيِّئَةٌ يَطَّيَّرُوا بِمُوسَىٰ وَمَنْ مَعَهُ ط  
 إِلَّا إِنَّمَا طَّيَّرَهُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَلَئِنْ أَكْثَرَهُمْ  
 لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣٢﴾ وَقَالُوا مَا تَأْتِيَنَا بِهِ مِنْ آيَةٍ  
 لِنُتَّحَرَّنَا بِهَا ؤ فَمَا نَحْنُ لَكَ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣٣﴾ فَأَرْسَلْنَا  
 عَلَيْهِمُ الطُّوفَانَ وَالْجَرَادَ وَالْقُمَّلَ وَالضَّفَادِعَ  
 وَالْدَّمَائِثَ مُمْضِلَةً ؕ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا

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He grants it to whoever He chooses of His servants. The ultimate outcome belongs 'only' to the righteous." 129. They complained, "We have always been oppressed—before and after you came to us 'with the message'." He replied, "Perhaps your Lord will destroy your enemy and make you successors in the land to see what you will do."

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130. Indeed, We afflicted Pharaoh's people with famine and shortage of crops so they might come back 'to their senses'. 131. In times of prosperity, they said, "This is what we deserve," but in adversity, they blamed it on Moses and those with him.<sup>317</sup> Surely all is destined by Allah. Yet most of them did not know.

### Pharaoh's People in Denial

132. They said, "No matter what sign you may bring to deceive us, we will never believe in you." 133. So We plagued them with floods, locusts, lice, frogs, and blood—all as clear signs,

but they persisted in arrogance and were a wicked people. 134. When tormented, they pleaded, "O Moses! Pray to your Lord on our behalf, by virtue of the covenant He made with you. If you help remove this torment from us, we will certainly believe in you and let the Children of Israel go with you." 135. But as soon as We removed the torment from them—until they met their inevitable fate<sup>318</sup>—they broke their promise. 136. So We inflicted punishment upon them, drowning them in the sea for denying Our signs and being heedless of them. 137. And 'so' We made the oppressed people successors of the eastern and western lands, which We had showered with blessings. "In this way" the noble Word of your Lord was fulfilled for the Children of Israel for what they had endured. And We destroyed what Pharaoh and his people constructed and what they established.

#### *The Israelites Demanding an Idol*

138. We brought the Children of Israel across the sea and they came upon a people devoted to idols. They demanded, "O Moses! Make for us a god like their gods."

مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَلَنَا وَقَعَ عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّجْزُ قَالُوا لِيُوسَى  
ادْعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ بِمَا عَهِدَ عِنْدَكَ ۖ لَئِنْ كَشَفْتَ  
عَنَّا الرِّجْزَ لَنُؤْمِنَنَّ لَكَ وَلَنُرْسِلَنَّ مَعَكَ بَنِي  
إِسْرَءِيلَ ﴿٣٤﴾ فَلَمَّا كَشَفْنَا عَنْهُمْ الرِّجْزَ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ هُمْ  
بِلِغْوِهِ إِذَا هُمْ يَنْكُثُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ فَاتَّقِمْنَا مِنْهُمْ فَاعْرَقْنَاهُمْ  
فِي الْيَمِّ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا عَنْهَا  
غَافِلِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَأَوْرَثْنَا الْقَوْمَ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا يُسْتَضَعُونَ  
مَشَارِقَ الْأَرْضِ وَمَغَارِبَهَا الَّتِي بَرَكْنَا فِيهَا ۖ  
وَتَبَّتْ كَلِمَتُ رَبِّكَ الْحُسْنَىٰ عَلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ ۚ  
بِمَا صَبَرُوا ۖ وَدَمَّرْنَا مَا كَانَ يَصْنَعُ فِرْعَوْنُ  
وَقَوْمُهُ وَمَا كَانُوا يَعْرِشُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَجَوَّزْنَا بِبَنِي  
إِسْرَءِيلَ الْبَحْرَ فَأَتَوْا عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ يَعْكُفُونَ عَلَىٰ  
أَصْنَامٍ لَهُمْ ۚ قَالُوا لِيُوسَى اجْعَلْ لَنَا إِلَهًا كَمَا

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318 i.e., their drowning in the sea.

لَهُمُ الْهَيْهَاتَ ۖ قَالَ إِنَّكُمْ قَوْمٌ تَجْهَلُونَ ﴿١٣٩﴾ إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ  
 مُتَبَرِّئُونَ مِمَّا هُمْ فِيهِ وَبِطُلٍّ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٤٠﴾  
 قَالَ أَغَيْرَ اللَّهِ أَبْغِيكُمْ إِلَهًا وَهُوَ فَضَّلَكُمْ  
 عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٤١﴾ وَإِذْ أَنْجَيْنَاكُمْ مِنْ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ  
 يَسُومُونَكُمْ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ يُقَتِّلُونَ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ  
 وَيَسْتَحْيُونَ نِسَاءَكُمْ ۖ وَفِي ذَٰلِكُمْ بَلَاءٌ  
 مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٤٢﴾ وَوَعَدْنَا مُوسَى ثَلَاثِينَ  
 لَيْلَةً ۖ وَأَتَمَمْنَاهَا بِعَشْرِ فِتْنَةٍ مِيقَاتِ رَبِّهِ ۖ أَرْبَعِينَ  
 لَيْلَةً ۖ وَقَالَ مُوسَى لِأَخِيهِ هَارُونَ اخْلُفْنِي فِي  
 قَوْمِي وَأَصْلِحْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿١٤٣﴾  
 وَلَمَّا جَاءَ مُوسَى لِمِيقَاتِنَا وَكَلَّمَهُ رَبُّهُ ۖ قَالَ  
 رَبِّ أَرِنِي ۖ أَنْظُرْ إِلَيْكَ ۖ قَالَ لَنْ تَرَانِي وَلَكِنْ  
 أَنْظُرْ إِلَى الْجَبَلِ فَإِنِ اسْتَقَرَّ مَكَانَهُ فَسَوْفَ

He replied, "Indeed, you are a people acting ignorantly! 139. What they follow is certainly doomed to destruction and their deeds are in vain." 140. He added, "Shall I seek for you a god other than Allah, while He has honoured you above the others?" 141. And 'remember' when We rescued you from the people of Pharaoh, who afflicted you with dreadful torment—killing your sons and keeping your women. That was a severe test from your Lord.

#### Moses' Appointment with Allah

142. We appointed for Moses thirty nights then added another ten—completing his Lord's term of forty nights. Moses commanded his brother Aaron, "Take my place among my people, do what is right, and do not follow the way of the corruptors." 143. When Moses came at the appointed time and his Lord spoke to him, he asked, "My Lord! Reveal Yourself to me so I may see You." Allah answered, "You cannot see Me! But look at the mountain. If it remains firm in its place, only then will you see Me."

When his Lord appeared to the mountain, He levelled it to dust and Moses collapsed unconscious. When he recovered, he cried, "Glory be to You! I turn to You in repentance and I am the first of the believers."

144. Allah said, "O Moses! I have 'already' elevated you above all others by My messages and speech.<sup>319</sup> So hold firmly to what I have given you and be grateful."

#### The Tablets

145. We wrote for him on the Tablets 'the fundamentals' of everything; commandments and explanations of all things. 'We commanded,' "Hold to this firmly and ask your people to take the best of it."<sup>320</sup> I will soon show 'all of' you the home of the rebellious.<sup>321</sup> 146. I will turn away from My signs those who act unjustly with arrogance in the land. And even if they were to see every sign, they still would not believe in them. If they see the Right Path, they will not take it. But if they see a crooked path, they will follow it. This is because they denied Our signs and were heedless of them. 147. The deeds of those who deny Our signs and the meeting

تَرْبِيَّ فَلَمَّا بَلَغَ رَبُّهُ لِلْجَبَلِ جَعَلَهُ دَكًّا وَخَرَّ  
مُوسَى صَعِقًا فَلَمَّا أَفَاقَ قَالَ سُبْحَنكَ تُبْتُ  
إِلَيْكَ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٤٤﴾ قَالَ يَمُوسَى إِنِّي  
أَصْطَفَيْتُكَ عَلَى النَّاسِ بِرِسَالَتِي وَبِكَلَامِي  
فَخُذْ مَا آتَيْتُكَ وَكُنْ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿١٤٥﴾ وَكُتِبْنَا لَهُ  
فِي الْأَلْوَاحِ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مَوْعِظَةً وَتَفْصِيلًا  
لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَخُذْهَا بِقُوَّةٍ وَأْمُرْ قَوْمَكَ يَأْخُذُوا  
بِأَحْسَنِهَا سَأُرِيكُمْ دَارَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿١٤٦﴾ سَأَصْرِفُ  
عَنْ آيَتِي الَّذِينَ يَتَكَبَّرُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ  
وَإِنْ يَرَوْا كُلَّ آيَةٍ لَا يُؤْمِنُوا بِهَا وَإِنْ يَرَوْا سَبِيلَ  
الرَّشْدِ لَا يَتَّخِذُوهُ سَبِيلًا وَإِنْ يَرَوْا سَبِيلَ الْغِي  
يَتَّخِذُوهُ سَبِيلًا ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا  
عَنْهَا غَافِلِينَ ﴿١٤٧﴾ وَالَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَلِقَاءِ

319 Allah reminds Moses that even though his request to see Allah was denied, he has already been favoured by Allah over the people of his time through prophethood and direct communication with the Almighty.

320 To follow the commandments that generate more rewards than others, to put grace before justice, etc.

321 This could either mean the ruins of destroyed nations or the Hellfire which is the home of the wicked.



"with Allah" in the Hereafter will be in vain. Will they be rewarded except for what they have done?"

#### The Golden Calf

148. In the absence of Moses, his people made from their 'golden' jewellery an idol of a calf that made a lowing sound. Did they not see that it could neither speak to them nor guide them to the 'Right' Path? Still they took it as a god and were wrongdoers. 149. Later, when they were filled with remorse and realized they had gone astray, they cried, "If our Lord does not have mercy on us and forgive us, we will certainly be losers." 150. Upon Moses' return to his people, 'totally' furious and sorrowful, he said, "What an evil thing you committed in my absence! Did you want to hasten your Lord's torment?" Then he threw down the Tablets and grabbed his brother by the hair, dragging him closer. Aaron pleaded, "O son of my mother! The people overpowered me and were about to kill me. So do not 'humiliate me and' make my enemies rejoice, nor count me among the wrongdoing people."

#### Moses Prays for Forgiveness

151. Moses prayed, "My Lord! Forgive me and my brother!

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الْآخِرَةِ حِطَّتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ هَلْ يُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا  
كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٤٨﴾ وَاتَّخَذَ قَوْمُ مُوسَىٰ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ  
مِنْ حُلِيِّهِمْ عِجْلًا جَسَدًا لَهُ خُورٌ أَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّهُ  
لَا يَكْلِمُهُمْ وَلَا يَهْدِيهِمْ سَبِيلًا م اتَّخَذُوهُ وَكَانُوا  
ظَالِمِينَ ﴿١٤٩﴾ وَلَمَّا سَقَطَ فِي أَيْدِيهِمْ وَرَأَوْا أَنَّهُمْ  
قَدْ ضَلُّوا قَالُوا لَئِنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْنَا رَبُّنَا وَيَغْفِرْ لَنَا  
لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿١٥٠﴾ وَلَمَّا رَجَعَ مُوسَىٰ إِلَى  
قَوْمِهِ غَضْبَانَ أَسِفًا قَالَ بِئْسَمَا خَلَفْتُمُونِي  
مِنْ بَعْدِي ۖ أَعَجَلْتُمْ أَمْرَ رَبِّكُمْ ۖ وَالْقَى الْإِلَاحُ  
وَآخِذَ بِرَأْسِ أَخِيهِ يَجُرُّهُ إِلَيْهِ ۚ قَالَ ابْنَ أُمَّ إِنَّ  
الْقَوْمَ اسْتَزَعَفُونِي وَكَادُوا يَقْتُلُونَنِي ۖ فَلَا  
تُشِيتُ بِي الْأَعْدَاءَ وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي مَعَ الْقَوْمِ  
الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٥١﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِإِخِي وَادْخُلْنَا

And admit us into Your mercy. You are the Most Merciful of the merciful.” 152. Those who worshipped the calf will certainly be afflicted with Allah’s wrath as well as disgrace in the life of this world. This is how We reward those who invent falsehood. 153. But those who commit evil, then repent and become “true” believers, your Lord will certainly be All-For-giving, Most-Merciful. 154. When Moses’ anger subsided, he took up the Tablets whose text contained guidance and mercy for those who stand in awe of their Lord.

#### *Begging for Allah’s Mercy*

155. Moses chose seventy men from among his people for Our appointment and, when they were seized by an earthquake,<sup>322</sup> he cried, “My Lord! Had You willed, You could have destroyed them long ago, and me as well. Will You destroy us for what the foolish among us have done? This is only a test from You—by which You allow whoever you will to stray and guide whoever You will. You are our Guardian. So forgive us and have mercy on us. You are the best forgiver. 156. Ordain for us what is

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فِي رَحْمَتِكَ ۖ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّحِيمِينَ ۚ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ  
اتَّخَذُوا الْجُلَّ سَيْنًا لَهُمْ غَضَبٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَذِلَّةٌ  
فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ۖ وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُفْتَرِينَ ﴿١٥٢﴾  
وَالَّذِينَ عَمِلُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ ثُمَّ تَابُوا مِن بَعْدِهَا وَآمَنُوا  
إِنَّ رَبَّكَ مِن بَعْدِهَا لَغَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٥٣﴾ وَلَمَّا سَكَتَ  
عَنْ مُوسَى الْغَضَبُ أَخَذَ الْأَلْوَاحَ ۖ وَفِي نُسخَتِهَا  
هُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلَّذِينَ هُمْ لِرَبِّهِمْ يَرْهَبُونَ ﴿١٥٤﴾  
وَاخْتَارَ مُوسَى قَوْمَهُ سَبْعِينَ رَجُلًا لِّبَيِّقَاتِنَا ۖ  
فَلَمَّا أَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ قَالَ رَبِّ لَوْ شِئْتَ  
أَهْلَكْتَهُم مِّن قَبْلُ وَإِيَّايَ ۖ أَتُهْلِكُنَا بِمَا فَعَلَ  
السُّفَهَاءُ مِنَّا ۚ إِنَّ هِيَ إِلَّا فِتْنَتُكَ ۖ تُضِلُّ بِهَا مَن  
تَشَاءُ وَتَهْدِي مَن تَشَاءُ ۖ أَنْتَ وَلِيُّنَا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا  
وَارْحَمْنَا ۖ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْغَافِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾ وَاصْكُتْ لَنَا

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322 For asking Moses to make Allah visible to them.

فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ إِنَّا هُنَا  
 إِلَيْكَ ۖ قَالَ عَذَابِي أُصِيبُ بِهِ مَنْ أَشَاءُ ۗ  
 وَرَحْمَتِي وَسِعَتْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ ۚ فَسَاكُنْهَا لِلَّذِينَ  
 يَتَّقُونَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِآيَاتِنَا  
 يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٥٧﴾ الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ  
 الْأُمِّيَّ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي  
 التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ نَذِيرًا لَهُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهْيًا لَهُمْ  
 عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ  
 الْخَبَائِثَ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ  
 عَلَيْهِمْ ۚ قَالَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ  
 وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ مَعَهُ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
 الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٥٨﴾ قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ  
 إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا ۖ الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ

good in this life and the next. Indeed, we have turned to You 'in repentance'." Allah replied, "I will inflict My torment on whoever I will. But My mercy encompasses everything. I will ordain mercy for those who shun evil, pay alms-tax, and believe in Our revelations.

#### Prophet Muhammad in the Bible

157. "They are" the ones who follow the Messenger, the unlettered Prophet, whose description they find in their Torah and the Gospel.<sup>323</sup> He commands them to do good and forbids them from evil, permits for them what is lawful and forbids to them what is impure, and relieves them from their burdens and the shackles that bound them. "Only" those who believe in him, honour and support him, and follow the light sent down to him will be successful."

#### Universality of Islam

158. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O humanity! I am Allah's Messenger to you all. To Him 'alone' belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

<sup>323</sup> Some Muslim scholars cite Deuteronomy 18:15-18 and 33:2, Isaiah 42, and John 14:16 as examples of the description of Prophet Muhammad in the Bible. However, Bible scholars interpret these verses differently. The name of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) appears several times in the Gospel of Barnabas, which is deemed apocryphal by Christian authorities.

There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. He gives life and causes death." So believe in Allah and His Messenger, the unlettered Prophet, who believes in Allah and His revelations. And follow him, so you may be 'rightly' guided.

### *The Israelites Tested*

159. There are some among the people of Moses who guide with the truth and establish justice accordingly. 160. We divided them into twelve tribes—each as a community. And We revealed to Moses, when his people asked for water, "Strike the rock with your staff." Then twelve springs gushed out. Each tribe knew its drinking place. We shaded them with clouds and sent down to them manna and quails,<sup>324</sup> saying, "Eat from the good things We have provided for you." They 'certainly' did not wrong Us, but wronged themselves. 161. And 'remember' when it was said to them, "Enter this city 'of Jerusalem' and eat from wherever you please. Say, 'Absolve us,' and enter the gate with humility. We will forgive your sins, 'and' We will multiply the reward for the good-doers."

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ ۖ فَآمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الَّذِي يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَكَلِمَاتِهِ وَاتَّبِعُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥٩﴾ وَمِنْ قَوْمِ مُوسَى أُمَّةٌ يَهْدُونَ بِالْحَقِّ وَبِهِ يَعْدِلُونَ ﴿١٦٠﴾ وَقَطَّعْنَاهُمْ اثْنَتَى عَشْرَةَ أَسْبَاطًا أُمَمًا ۖ وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ إِذِ اسْتَسْقَاهُ قَوْمُهُ أَنِ اضْرِبْ بِعَصَاكَ الْحَجَرَ ۖ فَانْبَجَسَتْ مِنْهُ اثْنَتَا عَشْرَةَ عَيْنًا ۖ قَدْ عَلِمَ كُلُّ أُنَاسٍ مَّشْرِبَهُمْ ۖ وَظَلَّلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْغَمَامَ وَأَنزَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَنَّٰنَ وَالسَّلَوى ۖ كُلُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ ۖ وَمَا ظَلَمُونَا وَلَكِن كَانُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿١٦١﴾ وَإِذْ قِيلَ لَهُمُ اسْكُنُوا هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةَ وَكُلُوا مِنْهَا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمْ وَقُولُوا حِطَّةٌ وَادْخُلُوا الْبَابَ سُجَّدًا نَّغْفِرْ لَكُمْ خَطِيئَتَكُمْ ۖ سَنَزِيدُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٦٢﴾

فَبَدَّلَ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ قَوْلًا غَيْرَ الَّذِي قِيلَ  
لَهُمْ فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ رِجْزًا مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَا كَانُوا  
يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿١٦٣﴾ وَسَأَلَهُمُ عَنِ الْقَرْيَةِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ  
حَاضِرَةَ الْبَحْرِ إِذْ يَعْدُونَ فِي السَّبْتِ إِذْ  
تَأْتِيهِمْ حِيتَانُهُمْ يَوْمَ سَبْتِهِمْ شُرَعًا وَيَوْمَ  
لَا يَسْبِتُونَ لَا تَأْتِيهِمْ ۚ كَذَلِكَ نَبْلُوهُمْ بِمَا  
كَانُوا يَفْسُقُونَ ﴿١٦٤﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَتْ أُمَةٌ مِّنْهُمْ لِمَ  
تَعِظُونَ قَوْمًا ۚ اللَّهُ مُهْلِكُهُمْ أَوْ مُعَذِّبُهُمْ  
عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا ۖ قَالُوا مَعذِرَةٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ وَلَعَلَّهُمْ  
يَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٦٥﴾ فَلَمَّا نَسُوا مَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ أَنجَيْنَا الَّذِينَ  
يَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ السُّوءِ وَآخَذْنَا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا  
بِعَذَابٍ بَّيْسٍ بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْسُقُونَ ﴿١٦٦﴾ فَلَمَّا  
عَتَوْا عَن مَّا نُهُوا عَنْهُ قُلْنَا لَهُمْ كُونُوا قِرَدَةً

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162. But the wrongdoers among them changed the words they were commanded to say. So We sent down a punishment from the heavens upon them for their wrongdoing.

### The Sabbath-Breakers

163. Ask them "O Prophet" about "the people of" the town which was by the sea, who broke the Sabbath.<sup>325</sup> During the Sabbath, "abundant" fish would come to them clearly visible, but on other days the fish were never seen. In this way We tested them for their rebelliousness. 164. When some of "the righteous among" them questioned "their fellow Sabbath-keepers", "Why do you 'bother to' warn those 'Sabbath-breakers' who will either be destroyed or severely punished by Allah?" They replied, "Just to be free from your Lord's blame, and so perhaps they may abstain." 165. When they ignored the warning they were given, We rescued those who used to warn against evil and overtook the wrongdoers with a dreadful punishment for their rebelliousness. 166. But when they stubbornly persisted in violation, We said to them,

325 The people of Aylah, an ancient town by the Red Sea, were forbidden to catch fish on the Sabbath. However, on Saturdays fish were everywhere, whereas on weekdays no fish were seen. To get around the prohibition, some decided to lay their nets on Fridays and collect the fish caught in their nets on Sundays. Those opposed to this practice were divided into two groups: one group tried to convince the offenders to honour the Sabbath, but soon gave up when their advice was not taken seriously. The second group was persistent in giving advice to the Sabbath-breakers. Eventually, the Sabbath-breakers were punished whereas the other two groups were saved.

“Be disgraced apes!”<sup>326</sup>

### The Israelites Tested Again

167. And ‘remember, O Prophet,’ when your Lord declared that He would send against them others who would make them suffer terribly until the Day of Judgment. Indeed, your Lord is swift in punishment, but He is certainly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 168. We dispersed them through the land in groups—some were righteous, others were less so. We tested them with prosperity and adversity, so perhaps they would return ‘to the Right Path’.

### Their Successors

169. Then they were succeeded by other generations who inherited the Scripture. They indulged in unlawful gains, claiming, “We will be forgiven ‘after all’.” And if similar gain came their way, they would seize it. Was a covenant not taken from them in the Scripture that they would not say anything about Allah except the truth? And they were already well-versed in its teachings. But the ‘eternal’ Home of the Hereafter is far better for those mindful ‘of Allah’. Will you not then understand? 170. As for those who firmly abide by the Scripture and establish prayer—surely We never discount the reward of those acting righteously.

حَسِبِينَ ﴿١٦٧﴾ وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكَ لِيُبْعَثَنَّ عَلَيْهِمْ  
إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ مَنْ يَسُومُهُمْ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ ط  
إِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَسَرِيعُ الْعِقَابِ ؕ وَإِنَّهُ لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٦٨﴾  
وَقَطَّعْنَاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أُمَمًا ۖ مِنْهُمْ الصَّالِحُونَ  
وَمِنْهُمْ دُونَ ذَلِكَ ۖ وَبَلَوْنَاهُمْ بِالْحَسَنَاتِ وَالسَّيِّئَاتِ  
لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿١٦٩﴾ فَخَلَفَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ خَلْفٌ  
وَوَرِثُوا الْكِتَابَ يَأْخُذُونَ عَرَضَ هَذَا الْأَدْنَى  
وَيَقُولُونَ سَيُغْفَرُ لَنَا ۖ وَإِنْ يَأْتِهِمْ عَرَضٌ مِثْلُهُ  
يَأْخُذُوهُ ط أَلَمْ يُؤْخَذْ عَلَيْهِمْ مِيثَاقُ الْكِتَابِ  
أَنْ لَا يَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْحَقَّ وَدَرَسُوا مَا فِيهِ ط  
وَالَّذَارُ الْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَ ط أَفَلَا  
تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٧٠﴾ وَالَّذِينَ يُمَسِّكُونَ بِالْكِتَابِ وَأَقَامُوا  
الصَّلَاةَ ط إِنَّا لَا نَنْصِفُ أَجَرَ الْمُصْلِحِينَ ﴿١٧١﴾ وَإِذْ

## Covenant with the Israelites

171. And 'remember' when We raised the mountain over them as if it were a cloud and they thought it would fall on them.<sup>327</sup> 'We said,' "Hold firmly to that 'Scripture' which We have given you and observe its teachings so perhaps you will become mindful 'of Allah'."

## Covenant with Humanity

172. And 'remember' when your Lord brought forth from the loins of the children of Adam their descendants and had them testify regarding themselves. 'Allah asked,' "Am I not your Lord?" They replied, "Yes, You are! We testify." 'He cautioned,' "Now you have no right to say on Judgment Day, 'We were not aware of this.' 173. Nor say, 'It was our forefathers who had associated others 'with Allah in worship' and we, as their descendants, followed in their footsteps. Will you then destroy us for the falsehood they invented?'" 174. This is how We make our signs clear, so perhaps they will return 'to the Right Path'.

The Deviant Scholar<sup>328</sup>

175. And relate to them 'O Prophet' the story of the one to whom We gave Our signs, but he abandoned them, so Satan took hold of him, and he became a deviant. 176. If We had willed, We would have elevated him with Our signs, but he clung to this life—

نَتَقْنَا الْجَبَلَ فَوْقَهُمْ كَأَنَّهُ ظُلَّةٌ وَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُ  
وَاقِعٌ بِهِمْ ۚ خُذُوا مَا آتَيْنَاكُمْ بِقُوَّةٍ وَّادْكُرُوا  
مَا فِيهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٧١﴾ وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِن  
بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ  
عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ ۖ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ ۖ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ ۖ شَهِدْنَا ۖ  
أَن تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ ﴿١٧٢﴾  
أَوْ تَقُولُوا إِنَّمَا أَشْرَكَ آبَاؤُنَا مِن قَبْلُ وَكُنَّا  
ذُرِّيَّةً مِّنْ بَعْدِهِمْ ۖ أَفَتُهْلِكُنَا بِمَا فَعَلَ  
الْمُبِطُونَ ﴿١٧٣﴾ وَكَذَلِكَ نَقُصُّلُ الْأَيَاتِ وَلَعَلَّهُمْ  
يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿١٧٤﴾ وَآتَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ الَّذِي آتَيْنَاهُ  
آيَاتِنَا فَأَنسَلَخَ مِنْهَا فَاتَّبَعَهُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَكَانَ  
مِنَ الْغَاوِينَ ﴿١٧٥﴾ وَلَوْ شِئْنَا لَرَفَعْنَاهُ بِهَا وَلَكِنَّهُ  
أَخْلَدَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ ۖ فَبُثِّلَهُ ۖ كَمِثْلِ

<sup>327</sup> The mountain was raised over their heads when Moses came to them with the teachings of the Torah and was met with defiance. So the mountain was raised as a miracle and a display of Allah's infinite power over them.

<sup>328</sup> Ba'am ibn Ba'ûrâ' was a scholar who lived at the time of Moses but later deviated from the truth.

following his evil desires. His example is that of a dog: if you chase it away, it pants, and if you leave it, it 'still' pants. This is the example of the people who deny Our signs.<sup>329</sup> So narrate 'to them' stories 'of the past', so perhaps they will reflect. 177. What an evil example of those who denied Our signs! They 'only' wronged their own souls.

#### Guidance from Allah Only

178. Whoever Allah guides is truly guided. And whoever He leaves to stray, they are the 'true' losers. 179. Indeed, We have destined many jinn and humans for Hell. They have hearts they do not understand with, eyes they do not see with, and ears they do not hear with. They are like cattle. In fact, they are even less guided! Such 'people' are 'entirely' heedless.

#### Allah's Beautiful Names

180. Allah has the Most Beautiful Names. So call upon Him by them, and keep away from those who abuse His Names.<sup>330</sup> They will be punished for what they used to do.

#### The Guided and the Misguided

181. And among those We created

الْكَلْبُ ۚ إِنَّ تَحِيلَ عَلَيْهِ يَلْهَتْ أَوْ تَتْرُكْهُ  
يَلْهَتْ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ مَثَلُ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا ۚ  
فَاقْصُصِ الْقَصَصَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٤٦﴾ سَاءَ  
مَثَلًا لِّلْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَانفُسُهُمْ  
كَانُوا يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿١٤٧﴾ مَن يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَبِهِدَىٰ  
وَمَن يَضِلَّ فَلَا إِلَّكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿١٤٨﴾ وَلَقَدْ  
ذَرَأْنَا لِجَهَنَّمَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنسِ ۚ  
لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ بِهَا وَلَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ  
لَّا يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا وَلَهُمْ آذَانٌ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا ۚ  
أُولَٰئِكَ كَالْأَنْعَامِ بَلَّ هُم أَضَلُّ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
الْغَافِلُونَ ﴿١٤٩﴾ وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ  
بِهَا ۚ وَذُرُوا الَّذِينَ يُلْحِدُونَ فِي أَسْمَائِهِ ۚ  
سَيُجْزَوْنَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٥٠﴾ وَمِمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا

329 Regardless of whether they are warned or not, still they will not believe.

330 Those who twist Allah's Names then use them to call false gods. For example, *Allât*, a name of one of the idols was derived from *Allah* (the One God). *Al-'Uzza* was derived from *Al-'Azîz* (the Almighty), and *Manât* was derived from *Al-Mannân* (the Bestower).



أُمَّةٌ يَهْدُونَ بِالْحَقِّ وَبِهِ يَعْدِلُونَ ﴿١٨٢﴾  
 وَالَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا سَنَسْتَدْرِجُهُمْ مِّنْ  
 حَيْثُ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾ وَأُمْلِي لَهُمْ إِنَّ كَيْدِي  
 مَتِينٌ ﴿١٨٤﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَتَفَكَّرُوا أَنَّهُمْ مَا بِصَاحِبِهِمْ مِّنْ  
 حِجَّةٍ ۖ إِن هُوَ إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٨٥﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوا فِي  
 مَلَكُوتِ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ وَمَا خَلَقَ ٱللَّهُ مِنْ  
 شَيْءٍ ۚ وَأَن عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُونَ قَدِ اقْتَرَبَ أَجَلُهُمْ ۚ  
 فَبِأَيِّ حَدِيثٍۭ بَعْدَهُ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾ مَن يُضِلِلِ  
 ٱللَّهُ فَلَآ هَادِيَ لَهُ ۖ وَيَذَرُهُمْ فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ  
 يَعْمَهُونَ ﴿١٨٧﴾ يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ ٱلسَّاعَةِ أَيَّانَ  
 مُّرْسِمُهَا ۚ قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ رَبِّي ۚ لَا يُجَلِّيهَا  
 لِوَقْتِهَا إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ تَقُلَّتْ فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ ۖ  
 لَا تَأْتِيكُمُ إِلَّا بَغْةً ۖ يَسْأَلُونَكَ كَأَنَّكَ حَفِيفٌۭ عَنْهَا ۖ

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is a group that guides with the truth and establishes justice accordingly. 182. As for those who deny Our signs, We will gradually draw them to destruction in ways they cannot comprehend. 183. I 'only' delay their end for a while, but My planning is flawless.

#### Rejecting the Prophet

184. Have they not ever given it a thought? Their fellow man<sup>331</sup> is not insane. He is only sent with a clear warning. 185. Have they ever reflected on the wonders of the heavens and the earth, and everything Allah has created, and that perhaps their end is near? So what message after this 'Quran' would they believe in? 186. Whoever Allah allows to stray, none can guide, leaving them to wander blindly in their defiance.

#### Time of the Final Hour

187. They ask you 'O Prophet' regarding the Hour, "When will it be?" Say, "That knowledge is only with my Lord. He alone will reveal it when the time comes. It is too tremendous for the heavens and the earth and will only take you by surprise." They ask you as if you had full knowledge of it.

وَقُلْتُ  
لَا تَأْتِيكُمُ  
إِلَّا بَغْةً

Say, "That knowledge is only with Allah, but most people do not know." 188. Say, "I have no power to benefit or protect myself, except by the Will of Allah. If I had known the unknown, I would have benefited myself enormously, and no harm would have ever touched me. I am only a warner and deliverer of good news for those who believe."

#### Going Astray

189. He is the One Who created you from a single soul, then from it made its spouse so he may find comfort in her. After he had been united with her, she carried a light burden that developed gradually. When it grew heavy, they prayed to Allah, their Lord, "If you grant us good offspring, we will certainly be grateful." 190. But when He granted their descendants good offspring, they associated false gods in what He has given them. Exalted is Allah above what they associate 'with Him'!

#### Helpless Allahs

191. Do they associate 'with Allah' those 'idols' which cannot create anything, but are in fact created; 192. which cannot help them, or even help themselves? 193. And if you 'idolaters'

مَا تَقُولُونَ ۚ وَإِنْ أَرَادْتُمْ إِلَّا بُشِيرًا  
وَنَذِيرًا ۚ كَذَّبْتُمْ بِهِ فَاتُخَفَّتْ  
سُلَيْمَاتُكُم ۚ إِنَّكُمْ أَصْحَابُ الْغَايِ

قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنْ أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ لَا  
يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٨﴾ قُلْ لَا أَمْلِكُ لِنَفْسِي نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا إِلَّا  
مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ ۖ وَلَوْ كُنْتُ أَعْلَمُ الْغَيْبِ لَا سْتَكْبَرْتُ  
مِنَ الْخَيْرِ ۚ وَمَا مَسَّنِيَ السُّوءُ ۖ إِنْ أَنَا إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ  
وَبَشِيرٌ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٨٩﴾ هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِّنْ  
نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا لِيَسْكُنَ  
إِلَيْهَا ۖ فَلَمَّا تَغَشَّاهَا حَبَلٌ حَمَلًا خَفِيفًا فَمَرَّتْ  
بِهِ ۖ فَلَمَّا أَثْقَلَتْ دَعَوَا اللَّهَ رَبَّهُمَا لَئِنْ آتَيْتَنَا  
صَالِحًا لَّنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿١٩٠﴾ فَلَمَّا آتَاهُمَا  
صَالِحًا جَعَلَ لَهُ شُرَكَاءَ فِيمَا آتَاهُمَا ۖ فَتَعَلَّى  
اللَّهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿١٩١﴾ أَيْشُرِكُونَ مَا لَا يَخْلُقُ  
شَيْئًا وَهُمْ يَخْلُقُونَ ﴿١٩٢﴾ وَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ لَهُمْ نَصْرًا  
وَلَا أَنْفُسُهُمْ يَنْصُرُونَ ﴿١٩٣﴾ وَإِنْ تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَى

الْهُدَى لَا يَتَّبِعُوكُمْ سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْكُمْ أَدَعَوْتُمُوهُمْ  
 أَمْ أَنْتُمْ صَامِتُونَ ﴿١٩٢﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ  
 اللَّهِ عِبَادٌ أَمْثَلُكُمْ فَادْعُوهُمْ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكُمْ  
 إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١٩٣﴾ أَلَهُمْ أَرْجُلٌ يَمْشُونَ  
 بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ أَيْدٍ يَبْطِشُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ  
 يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ آذَانٌ يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا قُلْ  
 ادْعُوا شُرَكَاءَكُمْ ثُمَّ كِيدُوا فَلَا تُنْظَرُونَ ﴿١٩٤﴾  
 إِنَّ وَلِيََّ اللَّهُ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْكِتَابَ وَهُوَ يَتَوَلَّى  
 الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٩٥﴾ وَالَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ لَا  
 يَسْتَجِيبُوكُمْ نَصْرَكُمْ وَلَا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَنْصُرُونَ ﴿١٩٦﴾  
 وَإِنْ تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَى الْهُدَى لَا يَسْمَعُوا وَتَرَاهُمْ  
 يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَيْكَ وَهُمْ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿١٩٧﴾ خُذِ الْعَفْوَ  
 وَأْمُرْ بِالْعُرْفِ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ ﴿١٩٨﴾ وَإِنَّمَا

call upon them for guidance, they cannot respond to you. It is all the same whether you call them or remain silent. 194. Those 'idols' you invoke besides Allah are created beings like yourselves. So call upon them and see if they will answer you, if your claims are true! 195. Do they have feet to walk with? Or hands to hold with? Or eyes to see with? Or ears to hear with? Say, 'O Prophet,' 'Call upon your associate-gods and conspire against me without delay!'

#### Allah Is the Protector

196. "Indeed, my Protector is Allah Who has revealed this Book. For He 'alone' protects the righteous. 197. But those 'false gods' you call besides Him can neither help you nor even themselves." 198. If you 'idolaters' call them to guidance, they cannot hear. And you 'O Prophet' may see them facing towards you, but they cannot see.

#### Grace and Tolerance

199. Be gracious, enjoin what is right, and turn away from those who act ignorantly.

#### Evil Impulses

200. If you are tempted by Satan,

then seek refuge with Allah. Surely He is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 201. Indeed, when Satan whispers to those mindful 'of Allah', they remember 'their Lord' then they start to see 'things' clearly. 202. But the devils persistently plunge their 'human' associates<sup>332</sup> deeper into wickedness, sparing no effort.

#### Only a Messenger

203. If you 'O Prophet' do not bring them a sign 'which they demanded', they ask, "Why do you not make it yourself?" Say, "I only follow what is revealed to me from my Lord. This 'Quran' is an insight from your Lord—a guide and a mercy for those who believe."

#### Honouring the Quran

204. When the Quran is recited, listen to it attentively and be silent, so you may be shown mercy.

#### Being in Awe of Allah

205. Remember your Lord inwardly with humility and reverence and in a moderate tone of voice, both morning and evening. And do not be one of the heedless. 206. Surely those 'angels' nearest to your Lord are not too proud to worship Him. They glorify Him. And to Him they prostrate.

يَنْزَعُكَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ نَزْعٌ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ٢٠١ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا إِذْ أَمَسَهُمْ طُفٌ مِّنَ الشَّيْطَانِ تَذَكَّرُوا فَإِذَا هُمْ مُبْصِرُونَ ٢٠٢ وَإِخْوَانُهُمْ يَمُدُّوهُمْ فِي الْغَيِّ ثُمَّ لَا يَقْصِرُونَ ٢٠٣ وَإِذَا لَمْ تَأْتِهِمْ بَايَةٌ قَالُوا لَوْلَا اجْتَبَيْتَهَا ط قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَتَّبِعُ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ مِنْ رَبِّي هَذَا بَصَائِرُ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ٢٠٤ وَإِذَا قُرِئَ الْقُرْآنُ فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ وَأَنْصِتُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ٢٠٥ وَإِذْ كُرِّرْتُ فِي نَفْسِكَ تَضَرُّعًا وَخِيفَةً وَدُونَ الْجَهْرِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ وَلَا تَكُن مِّنَ الْغَافِلِينَ ٢٠٦ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِ وَيُسَبِّحُونَهُ وَلَهُ يَسْجُدُونَ ٢٠٧

## 8. Spoils of War (Al-Anfāl)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Distribution of Spoils of War*<sup>333</sup>

1. They ask you "O Prophet" regarding the spoils of war. Say, "Their distribution is decided by Allah and His Messenger. So be mindful of Allah, settle your affairs, and obey Allah and His Messenger if you are 'true' believers."

*Qualities of True Believers*

2. The 'true' believers are only those whose hearts tremble at the remembrance of Allah, whose faith increases when His revelations are recited to them, and who put their trust in their Lord. 3. 'They are' those who establish prayer and donate from what We have provided for them. 4. It is they who are the true believers. They will have elevated ranks, forgiveness, and an honourable provision from their Lord.

*Opposition to Fighting*

5. Similarly, when your Lord brought you 'O Prophet' out of your home for a just cause, a group of believers was totally against it. 6. They disputed with you about the truth after it had been made clear, as if they were being

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْأَنْفَالِ قُلِ الْأَنْفَالُ لِلَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ  
فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَصْلِحُوا ذَاتَ بَيْنِكُمْ وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ  
وَرَسُولَهُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ۝ إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ  
الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَجِلَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ  
عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُهُ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ  
يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ۝ الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ  
يُنْفِقُونَ ۝ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا لَهُمْ  
دَرَجَاتٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ۝ كَمَا  
أَخْرَجَكَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَيْتِكَ بِالْحَقِّ وَإِنَّ فَرِيقًا  
مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ لَكُرْهُونَ ۝ يَجَادِلُونَكَ فِي  
الْحَقِّ بَعْدَ مَا تَبَيَّنَ كَأَنَّمَا يُسَاقُونَ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ

<sup>333</sup> Following the victory of the Muslims over the Meccan army at Badr, some Muslims disagreed on the way the spoils of war should be distributed, so these verses were revealed.

driven to death with their eyes wide open.

#### Establishing the Truth

7. 'Remember, O believers,' when Allah promised 'to give' you the upper hand over either target, you wished to capture the unarmed party.<sup>334</sup> But it was Allah's Will to establish the truth by His Words and uproot the disbelievers; 8. to firmly establish the truth and wipe out falsehood—even to the dismay of the wicked.

#### Divine Reinforcement

9. 'Remember' when you cried out to your Lord for help, He answered, 'I will reinforce you with a thousand angels—followed by many others.'<sup>335</sup> 10. And Allah made this a sign of victory and reassurance to your hearts. Victory comes only from Allah. Surely Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.

#### Sense of Serenity

11. 'Remember' when He caused drowsiness to overcome you, giving you serenity.<sup>336</sup> And He sent down rain from the sky to purify you, free you from Satan's whispers, strengthen your hearts, and make 'your' steps firm.

#### Warning to Meccan Pagans

12. 'Remember, O Prophet,'

وَهُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ ۖ وَإِذْ يَعِدُكُمُ اللَّهُ إِحْدَى  
الطَّائِفَتَيْنِ أَنَّهَا لَكُمْ وَتَوَدُّونَ أَنَّ غَيْرَ ذَاتِ  
الشَّوْكَةِ تَكُونُ لَكُمْ وَيُرِيدُ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُحَقِّقَ  
الْحَقَّ بِكَلِمَاتِهِ وَيَقْطَعَ دَابِرَ الْكَافِرِينَ ۚ  
لِيُحَقِّقَ الْحَقَّ وَيُبْطِلَ الْبَاطِلَ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُجْرِمُونَ ۝  
إِذْ تَسْتَغِيثُونَ رَبَّكُمْ فَاسْتَجَابَ لَكُمْ أَنِّي  
مُمِدُّكُمْ بِالْفِ مِّنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مُرَدِّفِينَ ۝ وَمَا  
جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بُشْرَىٰ وَلِتَطْمَئِنَّ بِهِ قُلُوبُكُمْ ۚ  
وَمَا النَّصْرُ إِلَّا مِنْ عِندِ اللَّهِ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ  
حَكِيمٌ ۝ إِذْ يَغْشَىٰكُمُ النَّعَاسُ أَمَنَةٌ مِّنْهُ  
وَيُنْزِلُ عَلَيْكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً لِّيُطَهِّرَكُم بِهِ  
وَيُزِيلَ عَنْكُمْ رِجْزَ الشَّيْطَانِ وَلِيَرْبِطَ عَلَى  
قُلُوبِكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتَ بِهِ الْأَقْدَامَ ۝ إِذْ يُوحَىٰ

رَبُّكَ إِلَىٰ

مِثْلَ ٢

334 After many years of persecution in Mecca, the Prophet (ﷺ) and many of his early followers decided to emigrate secretly to Medina, about 250 miles to the north, leaving behind their homes and valuables, which were soon taken over by the pagans of Mecca. To avenge this financial loss, the Prophet (ﷺ) decided to capture an unarmed Meccan trade caravan headed by Abu Sufyân, a Meccan chief. Eventually, the caravan escaped, but the Meccans mobilized an army of over 1000 well-armed soldiers, more than three times the size of the Muslim force. Many Muslims had hoped to capture the caravan without having to meet the Meccan army in battle. Although the Muslims were vastly outnumbered and lightly-armed, they still won this decisive battle.

335 Five thousand angels in total, as mentioned in 3:125.

336 This happened the night before the battle.

رَبُّكَ إِلَى الْمَلِيكَةِ إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ فَثَبِّتُوا الَّذِينَ  
 آمَنُوا سَأَلِقَىٰ فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
 الرُّعْبَ فَاضْرِبُوا فَوْقَ الْأَعْنَاقِ وَاضْرِبُوا  
 مِنْهُمْ كُلَّ بَنَانٍ ﴿١٣﴾ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ شَاقُّوا اللَّهَ  
 وَرَسُولَهُ ۚ وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَإِنَّ  
 اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿١٤﴾ ذَلِكَ كُمْ فَذُوقُوهُ وَأَنَّ  
 لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿١٥﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ  
 آمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا زَحَفًا فَلَا  
 تُولُوهُمْ الْأَدْبَارَ ﴿١٦﴾ وَمَنْ يُولِهِمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ  
 دُبُرًا إِلَّا مَتَرَفًا لِّقِتَالٍ أَوْ مُتَحِيِّزًا إِلَىٰ فِئَةٍ  
 فَقَدْ بَاءَ بِغَضَبٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَمَأْوَاهُ جَهَنَّمُ  
 وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿١٧﴾ فَلَمْ تَقْتُلُوهُمْ وَلَكِنَّ  
 اللَّهَ قَتَلَهُمْ ۖ وَمَا رَمَيْتَ إِذْ رَمَيْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ

when your Lord revealed to the angels, "I am with you. So make the believers stand firm. I will cast horror into the hearts of the disbelievers. So strike their necks and strike their fingertips." 13. This is because they defied Allah and His Messenger. And whoever defies Allah and His Messenger, then 'know that' Allah is surely severe in punishment. 14. That 'worldly punishment' is yours, so taste it! Then the disbelievers will suffer the torment of the Fire.

#### Do Not Flee

15. O believers! When you face the disbelievers in battle, never turn your backs to them. 16. And whoever does so on such an occasion—unless it is a manoeuvre or to join their own troops—will earn the displeasure of Allah, and their home will be Hell. What an evil destination!

#### Victory from Allah

17. It was not you 'believers' who killed them, but it was Allah Who did so. Nor was it you 'O Prophet' who threw 'a handful of sand at the disbelievers',<sup>337</sup> but it was Allah Who did so,

rendering the believers a great favour. Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 18. As such, Allah frustrates the evil plans of the disbelievers.

#### Reasoning with Pagans

19. If you 'Meccans' sought judgment, now it has come to you. And if you cease, it will be for your own good. But if you persist, We will persist. And your forces—no matter how numerous they might be—will not benefit you whatsoever. For Allah is certainly with the believers.

#### Hearing and Obeying

20. O believers! Obey Allah and His Messenger and do not turn away from him while you hear 'his call'. 21. Do not be like those who say, "We hear," but in fact they are not listening. 22. Indeed, the worst of all beings in the sight of Allah are the 'wilfully' deaf and dumb, who do not understand.<sup>338</sup> 23. Had Allah known any goodness in them, He would have certainly made them hear. 'But' even if He had made them hear, they would have surely turned away heedlessly.

#### Reminder to the Believers

24. O believers! Respond to Allah and His Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life.

رَمَى ۚ وَلِيُبْلِيَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْهُ بَلَاءً حَسَنًا إِنَّ  
اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٤﴾ ذَلِكَمُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ مُوهِنُ  
كَيْدِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٥﴾ إِنَّ تَسْتَفْتِحُوا فَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ  
الْفَتْحُ ۚ وَإِنْ تَنْتَهُوا فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ ۚ وَإِنْ تُعَوِّدُوا  
نَعْدَ وَلَنْ تَغْنَى عَنْكُمْ فِتْنَتُكُمْ شَيْئًا وَلَوْ  
كَثُرَتْ ۚ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٦﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَوَلَّوْا  
عَنْهُ وَأَنْتُمْ تَسْمَعُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَلَا تَكُونُوا  
كَالَّذِينَ قَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ إِنَّ  
شَرَّ الدَّوَابِّ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الصَّمُّ الْبُكْمُ الَّذِينَ لَا  
يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٩﴾ وَلَوْ عَلِمَ اللَّهُ فِيهِمْ خَيْرًا لَاسْمَعَهُمْ  
وَلَوْ أَسْمَعَهُمْ لَتَوَلَّوْا وَهُمْ مُّعْرِضُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ

لِمَا يَحْيِيكُمْ

مَنْ ٢



لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ ۖ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ  
الْمَرءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَاتَّقُوا  
فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً ۚ  
وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَاذْكُرُوا  
إِذْ أَنْتُمْ قَلِيلٌ مُسْتَضْعَفُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ تَخَافُونَ  
أَن يَتَخَطَّفَكُمُ النَّاسُ فَآوَاكُمْ وَأَيَّدَكُمْ  
بِنَصْرِهِ وَزَادَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ  
وَتَخُونُوا أَمْنَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ  
أَمْوَالَكُمْ وَأَوْلَادَكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ ۚ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ  
أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٢٧﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنْ تَتَّقُوا  
اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ  
وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٢٨﴾ وَاذْ

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And know that Allah stands between a person and their heart, and that to Him you will all be gathered. 25. Beware of a trial that will not only affect the wrongdoers among you. And know that Allah is severe in punishment.

#### Allah's Help

26. Remember when you had been vastly outnumbered and oppressed in the land,<sup>339</sup> constantly in fear of attacks by your enemy, then He sheltered you, strengthened you with His help, and provided you with good things so perhaps you would be thankful.

#### Warning to the Believers

27. O believers! Do not betray Allah and the Messenger, nor betray your trusts knowingly. 28. And know that your wealth and your children are only a test and that with Allah is a great reward.

#### Reward of the Believers

29. O believers! If you are mindful of Allah, He will grant you a standard 'to distinguish between right and wrong', absolve you of your sins, and forgive you. And Allah is the Lord of infinite bounty.

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*Pagan Conspiracy*

30. And 'remember, O Prophet,' when the disbelievers conspired to capture, kill, or exile you. They planned, but Allah also planned. And Allah is the best of planners.

*Pagan Challenge*

31. Whenever Our revelations are recited to them, they challenge 'you', 'We have already heard 'the recitation'. If we wanted, we could have easily produced something similar. This 'Quran' is nothing but ancient fables!"

*Pagan Denial*

32. And 'remember' when they prayed, "O Allah! If this is indeed the truth from You, then rain down stones upon us from the sky or overcome us with a painful punishment." 33. But Allah would never punish them while you 'O Prophet' were in their midst. Nor would He ever punish them if they prayed for forgiveness.

*Punishment Deserved*

34. And why should Allah not punish them while they hinder pilgrims from the Sacred Mosque, claiming to be its rightful guardians? None has the right to guardianship except those mindful 'of Allah', but most pagans do not know. 35. Their prayer at the Sacred House was nothing but whistling and clapping.

يَمْكُرُ بِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيُثْبِتُوكَ أَوْ يَقْتُلُوكَ أَوْ يُخْرِجُوكَ ۖ وَيَمْكُرُونَ وَيَمْكُرُ اللَّهُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرٌ الْمَكْرِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾ وَإِذَا تَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا قَالُوا قَدْ سَمِعْنَا لَوْ نَشَاءُ لَقُلْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٣١﴾ وَإِذْ قَالُوا اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كَانَ هَذَا هُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ فَأَمْطِرْ عَلَيْنَا حَجَارَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ أَوِ اثْبِتْنا بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ مُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَأَنْتَ فِيهِمْ ۖ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ مُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَهُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَمَا لَهُمُ إِلَّا يَعْذِّبَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَهُمْ يَصُدُّونَ عَنِ الْبَيْتِ الْحَرَامِ وَمَا كَانُوا أَوْلِيَاءَ ۚ إِنْ أَوْلِيَاءُؤُا إِلَّا الْمُبْتَلُونَ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَمَا كَانَ صَلَاتُهُمْ عِنْدَ الْبَيْتِ إِلَّا مُكَاءٌ وَتَصْدِيدَةٌ ۖ

So taste the punishment for your disbelief.

#### Pagans' Wasted Efforts

36. Surely the disbelievers spend their wealth to hinder others from the Path of Allah. They will continue to spend to the point of regret. Then they will be defeated and the disbelievers will be driven into Hell, 37. so Allah may separate the evil from the good. He will pile up the evil ones all together and then cast them into Hell. They are the 'true' losers.

#### Peace Offer

38. Tell the disbelievers that if they desist, their past will be forgiven. But if they persist, then they have an example in those destroyed before them. 39. Fight against them until there is no more persecution—and 'your' devotion will be entirely to Allah. But if they desist, then surely Allah is All-Seeing of what they do. 40. And if they do not comply, then know that Allah is your Protector. What an excellent Protector, and what an excellent Helper!

فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ إِنَّ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ لِيَصُدُّوا  
عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۖ فَسَيُنفِقُونَهَا ثُمَّ تَكُونُ  
عَلَيْهِمْ حَسْرَةً ثُمَّ يُغْلَبُونَ ۗ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
إِلَىٰ جَهَنَّمَ يُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ لِيَبْزِ اللَّهُ الْخَبِيثَ مِنَ  
الطَّيِّبِ وَيَجْعَلَ الْخَبِيثَ بَعْضُهُ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ فَيَرْكُمَهُ  
جَمِيعًا فَيَجْعَلَهُ فِي جَهَنَّمَ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾ قُلْ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنْ يَنْتَهُوا يُغْفَرْ  
لَهُمْ مَا قَدْ سَلَفَ ۚ وَإِنْ يَعُودُوا فَقَدْ مَضَتْ  
سُنَّتُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّىٰ لَا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ  
وَيَكُونَ الدِّينُ كُلُّهُ لِلَّهِ ۚ فَإِنْ انْتَهُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ  
بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٤٠﴾ وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَاَعْلَمُوا  
أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَوْلَكُمْ ۖ نِعَمَ الْمَوْلَىٰ وَنِعَمَ النَّصِيرِ ﴿٤١﴾

*Distribution of Spoils of War*

41. Know that whatever spoils you take, one-fifth is for Allah and the Messenger, his close relatives, orphans, the poor, and 'needy' travellers, if you 'truly' believe in Allah and what We revealed to Our servant on that decisive day when the two armies met 'at Badr'. And Allah is Most Capable of everything. 42. 'Remember' when you were on the near side of the valley, your enemy on the far side, and the caravan was below you. Even if the two armies had made an appointment 'to meet', both would have certainly missed it.<sup>340</sup> Still it transpired so Allah may establish what He had destined—that those who were to perish and those who were to survive might do so after the truth had been made clear to both. Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

*Vision of Enemy Force*

43. 'Remember, O Prophet,' when Allah showed them in your dream as few in number. Had He shown them to you as many, you 'believers' would have certainly faltered and disputed in the matter. But Allah spared you 'from that'. Surely He knows best what is 'hidden' in the heart. 44. Then when your armies met,

الْبَيْتِ الْعَظِيمِ (١٠)

وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُا غَنِيمَتٌ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ لِلَّهِ حُسَّهُ  
وَلِلرَّسُولِ وَلِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ  
وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ ۚ إِن كُنتُمْ آمَنتُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلْنَا  
عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا يَوْمَ الْفُرْقَانِ يَوْمَ التَّقَىٰ الْجَمْعِينَ ط  
وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٦﴾ إِذْ أَنْتُمْ بِالْعُدُوَّةِ  
الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ بِالْعُدُوَّةِ الْقُصْوَىٰ وَالرَّكْبُ أَسْفَلَ  
مِنْكُمْ ط وَلَوْ تَوَاعَدْتُمْ لَا خْتَلَفْتُمْ فِي الْمِيعَدِ ۚ  
وَلَكِنَّ لِّقَضَى اللَّهِ أَمْرًا كَانَ مَفْعُولًا لِّهَٰلِكَ  
مَنْ هَلَكَ عَن بَيِّنَةٍ وَيَحْيَىٰ مَن حَىٰ عَن  
بَيِّنَةٍ ط وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَسَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٧﴾ إِذْ يُرِيكَهُمُ اللَّهُ  
فِي مَنَامِكَ قَلِيلًا ط وَلَوْ أَرَاكَهُمْ كَثِيرًا لَّفَشِلْتُمْ  
وَلَكِنَّا زَعَمْتَ فِي الْأَمْرِ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ سَلَّمَ ط إِنَّهُ  
عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿٢٨﴾ وَإِذْ يُرِيكُمُوهُمْ إِذِ

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340 The battle was not planned since the Muslim force was after the caravan. Had the two armies made plans to meet in battle at that time and place, they both probably would have missed each other.

التَّقِيْتُمْ فِي أَعْيُنِكُمْ قَلِيلًا وَيُقَلِّلُكُمْ فِي أَعْيُنِهِمْ  
 لِيَقْضِيَ اللَّهُ أَمْرًا كَانَ مَفْعُولًا ۖ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ  
 تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ ﴿٣٧﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً  
 فَاتَّبِعُوا وَأُذَكِّرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾  
 وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا  
 وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ وَاصْبِرُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾  
 وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ خَرَجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ  
 بَطْرًا وَرِشَاءَ النَّاسِ وَيَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ  
 اللَّهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطٌ ﴿٤٠﴾ وَإِذْ زَيْنَ  
 لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ وَقَالَ لَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ  
 الْيَوْمَ مِنَ النَّاسِ وَإِنِّي جَارٌ لَكُمْ ۚ فَلَمَّا تَرَآتِ  
 الْفِئَتَيْنِ نَكَصَ عَلَى عَقْبَيْهِ وَقَالَ إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ  
 مِنْكُمْ إِنِّي أَرَىٰ مَا لَا تَرَوْنَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ ۖ

Allah made them appear as few in your eyes, and made you appear as few in theirs, so Allah may establish what He had destined. And to Allah 'all' matters will be returned 'for judgment'.

#### Word of Advice

45. O believers! When you face an enemy, stand firm and remember Allah often so you may triumph. 46. Obey Allah and His Messenger and do not dispute with one another, or you would be discouraged and weakened. Persevere! Surely Allah is with those who persevere. 47. Do not be like those 'pagans' who left their homes arrogantly, only to be seen by people and to hinder others from Allah's Path. And Allah is Fully Aware of what they do.

#### Satan Tempts the Meccan Pagans

48. And 'remember' when Satan made their 'evil' deeds appealing to them, and said, "No one can overcome you today. I am surely by your side." But when the two forces faced off, he cowered and said, "I have absolutely nothing to do with you. I certainly see what you do not see.

I truly fear Allah, for Allah is severe in punishment.”

#### Trust in Allah

49. "Remember" when the hypocrites and those with sickness in their hearts said, "These 'believers' are deluded by their faith." But whoever puts their trust in Allah, surely Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.

#### Evil Ending

50. If only you could see when the angels take the souls of the disbelievers, beating their faces and backs, "saying," "Taste the torment of burning! 51. This is 'the reward' for what your hands have done. And Allah is never unjust to 'His' creation."

#### Fate of the Wicked

52. Their fate is that of the people of Pharaoh and those before them—they all disbelieved in Allah's signs, so Allah seized them for their sins. Indeed, Allah is All-Powerful, severe in punishment. 53. This is because Allah would never discontinue His favour to a people until they discontinue their faith. Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 54. That was the case with Pharaoh's people and those before them—they all rejected the signs of their Lord,

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وَاللَّهُ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢٥﴾ إِذْ يَقُولُ الْمُنْفِقُونَ

وَالَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ غَرَّ هَؤُلَاءِ دِينُهُمْ ط

وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٦﴾

وَلَوْ تَرَى إِذْ يَتَوَفَّى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۖ الْمَلَائِكَةُ

يَضْرِبُونَ وُجُوهَهُمْ وَأَدْبَارَهُمْ ۖ وَذُوقُوا

عَذَابَ الْحَرِيقِ ﴿٢٧﴾ ذَلِكَ بِمَا قَدَّمْتُمْ أَيْدِيَكُمْ

وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَيْسَ بِظَلَّامٍ لِّلْعَبِيدِ ﴿٢٨﴾ كَذَابِ ۖ

فِرْعَوْنَ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ط كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ

فَأَخَذَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ ط إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ شَدِيدُ

الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢٩﴾ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَكُ مُغَيِّرًا نِّعْمَةً

أَنْعَمَهَا عَلَى قَوْمٍ حَتَّى يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ ۖ

وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَبِيْعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٠﴾ كَذَابِ ۖ

وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ط كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ

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فَأَهْلَكْنَاهُمْ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَأَغْرَقْنَا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ ۖ  
وَكُلٌّ كَانُوا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾ إِنَّ شَرَّ الدَّوَابِّ عِنْدَ  
اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾ الَّذِينَ  
عَاهَدْتَ مِنْهُمْ ثُمَّ يَنْقُضُونَ عَهْدَهُمْ فِي  
كُلِّ مَرَّةٍ وَهُمْ لَا يَتَّقُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ فَمَا تَتَّقُهُمْ فِي  
الْحَرْبِ فَشَرَّدَ بِهِمْ مَن خَلْفَهُمْ لَعَالَهُمْ يَذْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾  
وَأَمَّا تَخَافَنَّ مِنْ قَوْمٍ خِيَانَةً فَانْصُرْ إِلَيْهِمْ  
عَلَى سَوَاءٍ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْخَائِنِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَلَا  
يُحْسِبَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا سَبْقُوا ۖ إِنَّهُمْ لَا يُعْجِزُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾  
وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَ مِنْ  
رِبَاطِ الْخَيْلِ تُرْهِبُونَ بِهِ عَدُوَّ اللَّهِ وَعَدُوَّكُمْ  
وَالْآخَرِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ ۚ لَا تَعْلَمُونَهُمُ اللَّهُ  
يَعْلَمُهُمْ ۖ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

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so We destroyed them for their sins and drowned Pharaoh's people. They were all wrongdoers.

#### Those Who Violate Peace Treaties

55. Indeed, the worst of all beings in the sight of Allah are those who persist in disbelief, never to have faith— 56. 'namely' those with whom you 'O Prophet' have entered into treaties, but they violate them every time, not fearing the consequences. 57. If you ever encounter them in battle, make a fearsome example of them, so perhaps those who would follow them may be deterred.

#### No Betrayal in Treaties

58. And if you 'O Prophet' see signs of betrayal by a people, respond by openly terminating your treaty with them. Surely Allah does not like those who betray.

#### Military Deterrence

59. Do not let those disbelievers<sup>341</sup> think they are not within reach. They will have no escape. 60. Prepare against them what you 'believers' can of 'military' power and cavalry to deter Allah's enemies and your enemies as well as other enemies unknown to you but known to Allah.

Whatever you spend in the cause of Allah will be paid to you in full and you will not be wronged.

*Advice to the Prophet: Opt for Peace*

61. If the enemy is inclined towards peace, make peace with them. And put your trust in Allah. Indeed, He 'alone' is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 62. But if their intention is only to deceive you, then Allah is certainly sufficient for you. He is the One Who has supported you with His help and with the believers. 63. He brought their hearts together. Had you spent all the riches in the earth, you could not have united their hearts. But Allah has united them. Indeed, He is Almighty, All-Wise. 64. O Prophet! Allah is sufficient for you and for the believers who follow you.

*Readiness to Fight*

65. O Prophet! Motivate the believers to fight. If there are twenty steadfast among you, they will overcome two hundred. And if there are one hundred of you, they will overcome one thousand of the disbelievers, for they are a people who do not comprehend. 66. Now Allah has lightened your burden,

يُوفِّ إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَظْلَمُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ وَإِنْ جَنَحُوا  
لِلسَّلَامِ فَاجْنَحْ لَهَا وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۖ إِنَّهُ هُوَ  
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٦٢﴾ وَإِنْ يَرِيدُوا أَنْ يَخْدَعُوكَ  
فَإِنَّ حَسْبَكَ اللَّهُ ۖ هُوَ الَّذِي آتَاكَ بِنَصْرِهِ  
وَبِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٦٣﴾ وَالْفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ ۖ لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ  
مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مَّا آَلَفْتَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ  
وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ آَلَفَ بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ إِنَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٤﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ حَسْبُكَ اللَّهُ وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ  
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٦٥﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ حَرِّضِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
عَلَى الْقِتَالِ ۖ إِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ عِشْرُونَ صَابِرُونَ  
يَغْلِبُوا مِائَتَيْنِ ۚ وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ مِائَةٌ  
يَغْلِبُوا أَلْفًا مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ  
لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾ أَلَنْ خَفَّفَ اللَّهُ عَنْكُمْ وَعَلِمَ

أَنْ فِيكُمْ

مَثَلٌ



أَنْ فِيكُمْ ضَعْفًا ۖ فَإِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ مِائَةٌ صَابِرَةٌ  
 يَغْلِبُوا مِائَتَيْنِ ۚ وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أَلْفٌ يَغْلِبُوا  
 أَلْفَيْنِ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٦٧﴾ مَا كَانَ  
 لِنَبِيِّ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُ أَسْرَى حَتَّى يُشْخِنَ فِي  
 الْأَرْضِ ۚ تُرِيدُونَ عَرَضَ الدُّنْيَا ۗ وَاللَّهُ يُرِيدُ  
 الْآخِرَةَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٨﴾ لَوْ لَا كِتَابٌ مِنَ  
 اللَّهِ سَبَقَ لَمَسَّكُمْ فِيمَا أَخَذْتُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٦٩﴾  
 فَكُلُوا مِمَّا غَنِمْتُمْ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۗ إِنَّ  
 اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٧٠﴾ يَأَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِمَنْ فِي  
 أَيْدِيكُمْ مِنَ الْأَسْرَى ۖ إِنْ يَعْلَمِ اللَّهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ  
 خَيْرًا يُؤْتِكُمْ خَيْرًا مِمَّا أُخِذَ مِنْكُمْ وَيَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ ۗ  
 وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٧١﴾ وَإِنْ يُرِيدُوا خِيَانَتَكَ  
 فَقَدْ خَانُوا اللَّهَ مِنْ قَبْلُ فَأَمْكَنَ مِنْهُمْ ۗ

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for He knows that there is weakness in you. So if there are a hundred steadfast among you, they will overcome two hundred. And if there be one thousand, they will overcome two thousand, by Allah's Will. And Allah is with the steadfast.

#### Decision on Captives

67. It is not fit for a prophet that he should take captives until he has thoroughly subdued the land. You 'believers' settled with the fleeting gains of this world,<sup>342</sup> while Allah's aim 'for you' is the Hereafter. Allah is Almighty, All-Wise. 68. Had it not been for a prior decree from Allah,<sup>343</sup> you would have certainly been disciplined with a tremendous punishment for whatever 'ransom' you have taken. 69. Now enjoy what you have taken, for it is lawful and good. And be mindful of Allah. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### Ransomed Captives

70. O Prophet! Tell the captives in your custody, "If Allah finds goodness in your hearts, He will give you better than what has been taken from you, and forgive you. For Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful." 71. But if their intention is only to betray you 'O Prophet', they sought to betray Allah before. But He gave you power over them.

342 i.e., ransom.

343 The decree that ransoming captives will be allowed.

And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### Guardianship Among Believers

72. Those who believed, emigrated, and strived with their wealth and lives in the cause of Allah, as well as those who gave them shelter and help—they are truly guardians of one another. As for those who believed but did not emigrate, you have no obligations to them until they emigrate. But if they seek your help 'against persecution' in faith, it is your obligation to help them, except against people bound with you in a treaty. Allah is All-Seeing of what you do.

#### Guardianship Among Disbelievers

73. As for the disbelievers, they are guardians of one another. And unless you 'believers' act likewise, there will be great oppression and corruption in the land.

#### True Believers

74. Those who believed, migrated, and struggled in the cause of Allah, and those who gave 'them' shelter and help, they are the true believers. They will have forgiveness and an honourable provision.

وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٤١﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ  
فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ آوَوْا وَنَصَرُوا  
أُولَئِكَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا وَلَمْ يُهَاجِرُوا مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ وَلَايَتِهِمْ  
مِنْ شَيْءٍ حَتَّى يُهَاجِرُوا ۚ وَإِنِ اسْتَنْصَرُوكُمْ  
فِي الدِّينِ فَعَلَيْكُمُ النَّصْرُ إِلَّا عَلَى قَوْمٍ بَيْنَكُمْ  
وَبَيْنَهُمْ مِيثَاقٌ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٤٢﴾  
وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ۖ إِلَّا  
تَفْعَلُوهُ تَكُنْ فِتْنَةٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادٌ  
كَبِيرٌ ﴿٤٣﴾ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا  
فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ آوَوْا وَنَصَرُوا أُولَئِكَ  
هُمْ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا ۖ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٤٤﴾

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْ بَعْدُ وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا مَعَكُمْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ مِنْكُمْ ۖ وَأُولُوا الْأَرْحَامِ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلَىٰ بِبَعْضٍ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ۝

﴿الْبَقَرَةُ ١٢٩﴾ (٩) سُورَةُ التَّوْبَةِ مَكْنِيَّةٌ ﴿١١٣﴾ ﴿تُوبَاتُهَا ١٢﴾

بَرَاءَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ إِلَى الَّذِينَ عَاهَدْتُمْ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ۖ فَسِيحُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ أَرْبَعَةَ أَشْهُرٍ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّكُمْ غَيْرُ مُعْجِزِي اللَّهِ ۚ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ مُخْزِي الْكَافِرِينَ ۝ وَأَذَانٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ إِلَى النَّاسِ يَوْمَ الْحَجِّ الْأَكْبَرِ أَنَّ اللَّهَ بَرِيءٌ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ۚ وَرَسُولُهُ ۖ فَإِنْ تُبْتُمْ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ ۖ وَإِنْ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ فَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّكُمْ غَيْرُ مُعْجِزِي اللَّهِ ۖ وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ۝ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ عَاهَدْتُمْ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

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### Relatives Inherit One Another

75. And those who later believed, migrated, and struggled alongside you, they are also with you. But only blood relatives are now entitled to inherit from one another, as ordained by Allah. Surely Allah has 'full' knowledge of everything.<sup>344</sup>



### 9. Repentance (At-Tawbah)

#### Declaration to the Polytheists<sup>345</sup>

1. "This is" a discharge from all obligations, by Allah and His Messenger, to the polytheists you 'believers' have entered into treaties with: 2. "You 'polytheists' may travel freely through the land for four months, but know that you will have no escape from Allah, and that Allah will disgrace the disbelievers." 3. A declaration from Allah and His Messenger "is made" to all people on the day of the greater pilgrimage<sup>346</sup> that Allah and His Messenger are free of the polytheists. So if you 'pagans' repent, it will be better for you. But if you turn away, then know that you will have no escape from Allah. And give good news "O Prophet" to the disbelievers of a painful punishment.

#### Exception to the Declaration

4. As for the polytheists who have

honoured every term of their treaty

<sup>344</sup> This verse ended a previous ruling that allowed inheritance between Muslims from Mecca (Al-Muhâjirûn, the Emigrants) and Muslims from Medina (Al-Anshâr, the Helpers). Now, only relatives can inherit from one another, whereas non-heirs can receive a share through bequest, up to one third of the estate. See 4:7, 11-13, 32-33, and 176.

<sup>345</sup> This is the only sûrah in the Quran that does not begin with: "In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful." The reason is that this sûrah is considered to be a continuation of the previous one, and that it begins with an open termination of treaties not fully respected by the polytheists. Since this constitutes a declaration of war, it would not be fitting to open with the mention of Allah's compassion and mercy.

<sup>346</sup> The 10<sup>th</sup> of Zul-Hijjah, a significant day in the greater pilgrimage (hajj). The lesser pilgrimage is known as 'umrah.

with you and have not supported an enemy against you, honour your treaty with them until the end of its term. Surely Allah loves those who are mindful 'of Him'.

#### *After the Grace Period*

5. But once the Sacred Months have passed, kill the polytheists 'who violated their treaties' wherever you find them,<sup>347</sup> capture them, besiege them, and lie in wait for them on every way. But if they repent, perform prayers, and pay alms-tax, then set them free. Indeed, Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### *Pagans Seeking Protection*

6. And if anyone from the polytheists asks for your protection 'O Prophet', grant it to them so they may hear the Word of Allah, then escort them to a place of safety, for they are a people who have no knowledge.

#### *Treacherous Polytheists*

7. How can such polytheists have a treaty with Allah and His Messenger, except those you have made a treaty with at the Sacred Mosque?<sup>348</sup> So, as long as they are true to you, be true to them. Indeed Allah loves those who are mindful 'of Him'.

ثُمَّ لَمْ يَنْقُصُوا شَيْئًا وَلَمْ يُظَاهِرُوا عَلَيْكُمْ  
أَحَدًا فَاتَّبَعُوا إِلَيْهِمْ عَهْدَهُمْ إِلَىٰ مُدَّتِهِمْ ۖ إِنَّ  
اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَّقِينَ ۝ فَإِذَا انْسَلَخَ الْأَشْهُرُ  
الْحُرْمُ فَاقْتُلُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ حَيْثُ وَجَدْتُمُوهُمْ  
وَخُذُواهُمْ وَأَحْصِرُواهُمْ وَأَقْعِدُوا لَهُمْ كُلَّ مَرْصِدٍ ۚ  
فَإِنْ تَابُوا وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوْا الزَّكَاةَ  
فَخَلُّوا سَبِيلَهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ۝ وَإِنْ  
أَحَدٌ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ اسْتَجَارَكَ فَأَجِرْهُ حَتَّىٰ يَسْمَعَ  
كَلِمَ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ ابْلِغْهُ مَا مَنَّهُ ۖ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ  
قَوْمٌ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۝ كَيْفَ يَكُونُ لِلْمُشْرِكِينَ  
عَهْدٌ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَعِنْدَ رَسُولِهِ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ  
عَاهَدْتُمْ عِنْدَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ فَمَا اسْتَقَامُوا  
لَكُمْ فَاسْتَقِيمُوا لَهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَّقِينَ ۝

347 i.e., inside or outside the sanctuary of the Sacred House in Mecca.

348 This is known as the Treaty of Hudaibiyah, which was signed by the Prophet (ﷺ) and the pagans of Mecca in 6 A.H./628 C.E., diffusing the tension between Muslims and the Meccans and affirming a 10-year peace truce. The treaty was violated by the Meccans in 8 A.H./630 C.E.

كَيْفَ وَإِنْ يَظْهَرُوا عَلَيْكُمْ لَا يَرْقُبُوا فِيكُمْ  
 إِلَّا وَلَا ذِمَّةً ٥ يُرْضُونَكُمْ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَتَأْبَى  
 قُلُوبُهُمْ ٦ وَكَثَرُهُمْ فَسِقُونَ ٨ إِنْ شَرَوْا بِأَيْتِ  
 اللَّهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا فَصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ٥ إِنَّهُمْ  
 سَاءَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ٩ لَا يَرْقُبُونَ فِي  
 مُؤْمِنٍ إِلَّا وَلَا ذِمَّةً ٥ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُعْتَدُونَ ١٠  
 فَإِنْ تَابُوا وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ  
 فَإِخْوَانُكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ ٥ وَنُفِصِلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ  
 يَعْلَمُونَ ١١ وَإِنْ نَكَثُوا أَيْمَانَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ  
 عَهْدِهِمْ وَطَعَنُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ فَقَاتِلُوا أَيْمَةَ  
 الْكُفْرِ إِنَّهُمْ لَا أَيْمَانَ لَهُمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَنْتَهُونَ ١٢  
 إِلَّا تَقَاتِلُوهُمْ قَوْمًا نَكَثُوا أَيْمَانَهُمْ وَهَمُّوا  
 بِإِخْرَاجِ الرَّسُولِ وَهُمْ بَدَءُوكُمْ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ ٥

8. How 'can they have a treaty'? If they were to have the upper hand over you, they would have no respect for kinship or treaty. They only flatter you with their tongues, but their hearts are in denial, and most of them are rebellious.

#### Arab Pagans

9. They chose a fleeting gain over Allah's revelations, hindering 'others' from His Way. Evil indeed is what they have done! 10. They do not honour the bonds of kinship or treaties with the believers. It is they who are the transgressors. 11. But if they repent, perform prayer, and pay alms-tax, then they are your brothers in faith. This is how We make the revelations clear for people of knowledge. 12. But if they break their oaths after making a pledge and attack your faith, then fight the champions of disbelief—who never honour their oaths—so perhaps they will desist.

#### Order to Fight

13. Will you not fight those who have broken their oaths, conspired to expel the Messenger 'from Mecca', and attacked you first? Do you fear them?

Allah is more deserving of your fear, if you are 'true' believers. 14. 'So' fight them and Allah will punish them at your hands, put them to shame, help you overcome them, and soothe the hearts of the believers— 15. removing rage from their hearts. And Allah pardons whoever He wills. For Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

### Wisdom Behind Fighting

16. Do you 'believers' think that you will be left without Allah proving who among you 'truly' struggles 'in His cause' and never takes trusted allies other than Allah, His Messenger, or the believers? And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

### Maintenance of Mosques

17. It is not for the polytheists to maintain the mosques of Allah while they openly profess disbelief. Their deeds are void, and they will be in the Fire forever. 18. The mosques of Allah should only be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day, establish prayer, pay alms-tax,

اتَّخَشُونَهُمْ ۚ قَالَ اللَّهُ أَحَقُّ أَنْ تَخْشَوْهُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣﴾ قَاتِلُوهُمْ يُعَذِّبُهُمُ اللَّهُ بِأَيْدِيكُمْ  
وَيُخْزِيهِمْ وَيُنْصِرْكُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَيَشْفِ صُدُورَ  
قَوْمٍ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٤﴾ وَيُذْهِبُ غَيْظَ قُلُوبِهِمْ ط  
وَيَتُوبُ اللَّهُ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ  
حَكِيمٌ ﴿١٥﴾ أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تُتْرَكُوا وَلَمَّا يَعْلَمِ  
اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا مِنْكُمْ وَلَمْ يَتَّخِذُوا مِنْ  
دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلَا رَسُولِهِ وَلَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلِيجَةً ۚ  
وَاللَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ مَا كَانَ لِلْبَشَرِ  
أَنْ يُعْمِرُوا مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ شَاهِدِينَ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ  
بِالْكَفْرِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ ۖ وَفِي النَّارِ  
هُمْ خَالِدُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ إِنَّمَا يُعْمِرُ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنْ آمَنَ  
بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ

وَلَمْ يَخْشَ

مَنْزِلَ ۲

وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ فَعَسَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ أَن يَكُونُوا  
 مِنَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٨﴾ أَجَعَلْتُمْ سِقَايَةَ الْحَاجِّ  
 وَعِمَارَةَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ كَمَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ  
 الْآخِرِ وَجَاهَدَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۚ لَا يَسْتَوْنَ عِنْدَ  
 اللَّهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٩﴾ الَّذِينَ  
 آمَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ  
 بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ ۖ أَعْظَمُ دَرَجَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۚ  
 وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ يُبَشِّرُهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ  
 بِرَحْمَةٍ مِّنْهُ وَرِضْوَانٍ وَجَنَّتِ لَهُمْ فِيهَا نَعِيمٌ  
 مُّقِيمٌ ﴿٢١﴾ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ  
 أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٢٢﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا  
 آبَاءَكُمْ وَإِخْوَانَكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ إِنِ اسْتَحَبُّوا الْكُفْرَ  
 عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ فَاُولَٰئِكَ

and fear none but Allah. It is right to hope that they will be among the 'truly' guided.

#### Not Equal

19. Do you 'pagans' consider providing the pilgrims with water and maintaining the Sacred Mosque as equal to believing in Allah and the Last Day and struggling in the cause of Allah? They are not equal in Allah's sight. And Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people.

#### Reward of the Believers

20. Those who have believed, emigrated, and strived in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives are greater in rank in the sight of Allah. It is they who will triumph. 21. Their Lord gives them good news of His mercy, pleasure, and Gardens with everlasting bliss, 22. to stay there for ever and ever. Surely with Allah is a great reward.

#### Warning to the Believers

23. O believers! Do not take your parents and siblings as trusted allies if they choose disbelief over belief. And whoever of you does so,

they are the 'true' wrongdoers. 24. Say, 'O Prophet,' "If your parents and children and siblings and spouses and extended family and the wealth you have acquired and the trade you fear will decline and the homes you cherish—if all these—are more beloved to you than Allah and His Messenger and struggling in His Way, then wait until Allah brings about His Will. Allah does not guide the rebellious people."

#### *Victory Is from Allah Alone*

25. Indeed Allah has given you 'believers' victory on many battlefields, even at the Battle of Hunain when you took pride in your great numbers, but they proved of no advantage to you.<sup>349</sup> The earth, despite its vastness, seemed to close in on you, then you turned back in retreat. 26. Then Allah sent down His reassurance<sup>350</sup> upon His Messenger and the believers, and sent down forces<sup>351</sup> you could not see, and punished those who disbelieved. Such was the reward of the disbelievers. 27. Then afterwards Allah will turn in grace to whoever He wills.<sup>352</sup>

هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ  
وَأَخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ  
اِقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا  
وَمَسْكَنٌ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ  
وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ  
اللَّهُ بِأَمْرٍ ۖ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾  
لَقَدْ نَصَرَكُمُ اللَّهُ فِي مَوَاطِنَ كَثِيرَةٍ ۖ وَيَوْمَ  
حُنَيْنٍ إِذْ أَعْجَبَتْكُمْ كَثْرَتُكُمْ فَلَمْ تُغْنِ عَنْكُمْ  
شَيْئًا وَضَاقَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ الْأَرْضُ بِمَا رَحُبَتْ ثُمَّ  
وَلَّيْتُمُ مُدْبِرِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ ثُمَّ أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَى  
رَسُولِهِ وَعَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَأَنْزَلَ جُنُودًا لَّمْ  
تَرَوْهَا وَعَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۖ وَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ  
الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾ ثُمَّ يَتُوبُ اللَّهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ

عَلَى مَنْ

مَثَلُ

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349 After the Muslims' victory in Mecca in 8 A.H/630 C.E., almost all Arab tribes pledged allegiance to the Prophet (ﷺ) except some tribes such as Hawâzin and Tha'qif. Both tribes decided to attack the Muslims, so the Prophet (ﷺ) led an army of 12 000 soldiers to attack the two tribes. Since that was the largest Muslim army ever mobilized, some Muslims expressed their conviction that such an army could not be defeated. However, on the way to battle, the Muslim army was ambushed and most soldiers fled, except for the Prophet (ﷺ) and a few loyalists. Eventually, the Muslims were re-organized and won a decisive battle.

350 lit., tranquility.

351 i.e., angels.

352 i.e., Allah will accept those who embrace Islam. Almost all of Arabia became Muslim before the death of Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ) in 11 A.H./632 C.E.



عَلَىٰ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٢﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ

آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْمُشْرِكُونَ نَجَسٌ فَلَا يَقْرَبُوا الْمَسْجِدَ

الْحَرَامَ بَعْدَ عَامِهِمْ هَذَا ۖ وَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ عَيْلَةً

فَسَوْفَ يُغْنِيَكُمْ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ إِنِ شَاءَ ۖ إِنَّ

اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿١٣﴾ قَاتِلُوا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

بِاللَّهِ وَلَا بِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَلَا يُحَرِّمُونَ مَا حَرَّمَ

اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَلَا يَدِينُونَ دِينَ الْحَقِّ مِنَ الَّذِينَ

أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ حَتَّى يُعْطُوا الْجِزْيَةَ عَنْ يَدٍ وَهُمْ

ضِعْرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ عُزَيْرٌ ابْنُ اللَّهِ

وَقَالَتِ النَّصَارَى الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ ۖ ذَلِكَ قَوْلُهُمْ

بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ ۖ يُضَاهِئُونَ قَوْلَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ

قَبْلُ ۖ قَاتِلْهُمْ اللَّهُ ۖ أَلَيْسَ يُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿١٥﴾ اتَّخَذُوا

أَحْبَارَهُمْ وَرُهَبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ

وَالْمَسِيحَ

مَذَلًا ۚ

And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### No More Idolatry at the Ka'bah

28. O believers! Indeed, the polytheists are 'spiritually' impure,<sup>353</sup> so they should not approach the Sacred Mosque after this year.<sup>354</sup> If you fear poverty, Allah will enrich you out of His bounty, if He wills. Surely, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### Command to Fight

29. Fight those who do not believe in Allah and the Last Day, nor comply with what Allah and His Messenger have forbidden, nor embrace the religion of truth from among those who were given the Scripture,<sup>355</sup> until they pay the tax,<sup>356</sup> willingly submitting, fully humbled.

#### Blind Following

30. The Jews say, "Ezra is the son of Allah," while the Christians say, "The Messiah is the son of Allah."

353 i.e., impure spiritually because of idolatry, not physically.

354 The 9<sup>th</sup> year of the Prophet's migration from Mecca to Medina.

355 To fully understand this verse we need to bear in mind that Quranic verses are of two types. General verses talk about belief in Allah, good manners, and acts of worship. Specific verses, such as this verse, were revealed in regards to particular situations. This sūrah came at a time when the pagans of Arabia (and their allies) repeatedly violated treaties they had signed with the Prophet (ﷺ). Muslims had to fight for the survival of their newly established state in Medina. So this verse discusses dealing with those who violated their agreements and attacked the Muslims. Offenders were fought, unless they stopped their aggression. If they chose not to accept Islam, they were obligated to pay *Jizya*-tax.

356 Taxation systems have existed since ancient times. There are several references in the Old Testament (e.g., Ezra 4:20). In the New Testament, Jesus allows paying taxes to Caesar (Luke 20:25). Under Islamic rule, all individuals had financial obligations—Muslims paid *zakāh* (2.5% of their savings) and non-Muslims (*zimmīs*) were required to pay *jizyah* (tax for protection from foreign enemies). The *jizyah* was an average of one dinar (4.25 g of gold) annually. Women, children, the elderly, the clergy, the poor, and those who were unable to work were exempt. Those who opted to join the army were also exempt. Poor *zimmīs* were supported financially by the state. Muslim rulers refunded the *jizyah* if they failed to protect their non-Muslim subjects.

Such are their baseless assertions, only parroting the words of earlier disbelievers. May Allah condemn them! How can they be deluded 'from the truth'? 31. They have taken their rabbis and monks as well as the Messiah, son of Mary, as lords besides Allah,<sup>357</sup> even though they were commanded to worship none but One God. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. Glorified is He above what they associate 'with Him'!

#### The True Faith

32. They wish to extinguish Allah's light<sup>358</sup> with their mouths, but Allah will only allow His light to be perfected, even to the dismay of the disbelievers. 33. He is the One Who has sent His Messenger with 'true' guidance and the religion of truth, making it prevail over all others, even to the dismay of the polytheists.

#### Unlawful Gains

34. O believers! Indeed, many rabbis and monks consume people's wealth wrongfully and hinder 'others' from the Way of Allah. Give good news of a painful torment to those who hoard gold and silver and do not spend it in Allah's cause. 35. The Day 'will come' when their treasure will be heated up in the Fire of Hell, and their foreheads, sides, and backs branded with it. 'It will be said to them,' "This is the treasure you hoarded for yourselves.

وَالْمَسِيحَ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ ۖ وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا  
إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ سُبْحَانَهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٣١﴾  
يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَيَأْبَى  
اللَّهُ إِلَّا أَنْ يَتِمَّ نُورُهُ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾  
هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَى وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ  
لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ ۚ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْأَحْبَارِ  
وَالرُّهْبَانِ لِيَآكُلُونَ أَمْوَالَ النَّاسِ بِالْبَاطِلِ  
وَيَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ يَكْنِزُونَ  
الذَّهَبَ وَالْفِضَّةَ وَلَا يَنْفِقُونَهَا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۖ  
فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٣٤﴾ يَوْمَ يُحْمَى عَلَيْهَا  
فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ فَيُكْوَى بِهَا جِبَاهُهُمْ وَجُنُوبُهُمْ  
وَوُظُرُهُمْ ۖ هَذَا مَا كَنْزْتُمْ لِأَنفُسِكُمْ فَذُوقُوا

مَا كُنْتُمْ

مَنْزِلَ ٢

357 When 'Adi ibn Hâtim, a companion of the Prophet (ﷺ), heard this verse, he said, "But the Jews and Christians do not worship their rabbis and monks!" The Prophet (ﷺ) replied, "Do the rabbis and monks not forbid the permissible and permit the forbidden, and they obey them?" 'Adi answered, "Yes, they do." The Prophet (ﷺ) concluded, "This is how they worship them." Collected by at-Tirmizî.

358 i.e., religion of truth.

مَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْنِزُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ  
 اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ  
 السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرُمٌ ذَلِكَ  
 الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ فَلَا تَظْلِمُوا فِيهِنَّ أَنْفُسَكُمْ  
 وَقَاتِلُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ كَافَّةً كَمَا يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ  
 كَافَّةً ۖ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ إِنَّمَا  
 النَّسِيُّ زِيَادَةٌ فِي الْكُفْرِ يُضِلُّ بِهِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
 يُحَلِّوْنَهُ عَامًا وَيُحَرِّمُونَهُ عَامًا لِيُوَاطِّئُوا عِدَّةَ مَا  
 حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ فَيَحِلُّوا مَا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ ۖ زُرِين لَهُمْ سُوءُ  
 أَعْمَالِهِمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾  
 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَا لَكُمْ إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمْ  
 انْفِرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَثْقَلْتُمْ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ ۖ  
 أَرْضَيْتُمْ بِالْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا مِنَ الْآخِرَةِ ۖ فَمَا مَتَاعُ

Now taste what you hoarded!"

### Honouring the Sacred Months

36. Indeed, the number of months ordained by Allah is twelve—in Allah's Record<sup>359</sup> since the day He created the heavens and the earth—of which four are sacred. That is the Right Way. So do not wrong one another during these months. And together fight the polytheists as they fight against you together. And know that Allah is with those mindful 'of Him'. 37. Reallocating the sanctity of 'these' months<sup>360</sup> is an increase in disbelief, by which the disbelievers are led 'far' astray. They adjust the sanctity one year and uphold it in another, only to maintain the number of months sanctified by Allah, violating the very months Allah has made sacred. Their evil deeds have been made appealing to them. And Allah does not guide the disbelieving people.

### Clinging to This Life

38. O believers! What is the matter with you that when you are asked to march forth in the cause of Allah, you cling firmly to 'your' land?<sup>361</sup> Do you prefer the life of this world over the Hereafter?

359 i.e., the Preserved Tablet in which everything is written.

360 The sacred months are the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> of the Islamic calendar. Since the polytheists knew that it was forbidden to fight in the sacred months, they used to transfer the sanctity to other months, say for example, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> as long as they maintained the sanctity of any four months throughout the year.

361 The fast pace of the spread of Islam in Arabia in the 7<sup>th</sup> century was intimidating to the world's two superpowers of that time: the Romans and Persians. The Prophet (ﷺ) received the news that a Roman army was being mobilized to launch an attack on the newly established Muslim state in Medina, so he announced that he was going to march to Tabûk, located over 700 miles to the north, to meet the Romans in the summer of 9 A.H./631 C.E. It was a time of hardship because of the scorching heat, the long distance, and the financial situation of the Muslims. Although the Prophet (ﷺ) was able to mobilize over 30 000 Muslims for battle, many others did not join the army with or without valid excuses. Eventually, the Roman forces were discouraged from fighting and fled to Damascus and other cities under Roman rule. Therefore, the Prophet (ﷺ) returned to Medina with a feeling of triumph. With a new power now emerging in Arabia, many tribes started to switch their alliances from Caesar to the Prophet (ﷺ).

The enjoyment of this worldly life is insignificant compared to that of the Hereafter. 39. If you do not march forth, He will afflict you with a painful torment and replace you with other people. You are not harming Him in the least. And Allah is Most Capable of everything.

#### Supporting the Prophet

40. 'It does not matter' if you 'believers' do not support him, for Allah did in fact support him when the disbelievers drove him out 'of Mecca' and he was only one of two. While they both were in the cave, he reassured his companion,<sup>362</sup> "Do not worry; Allah is certainly with us." So Allah sent down His serenity upon the Prophet, supported him with forces you 'believers' did not see, and made the word of the disbelievers lowest, while the Word of Allah is supreme. And Allah is Almighty, All-Wise. 41. 'O believers!' March forth whether it is easy or difficult for you, and strive with your wealth and your lives in the cause of Allah. That is best for you, if only you knew.

#### False Excuse 1) Inability

42. Had the gain been within reach and the journey shorter, they would have followed you, but the distance seemed too long for them.

الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا فِي الْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ ﴿٣٩﴾ إِلَّا تَنْفَرُوا  
يُعَذِّبُكُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ۖ وَيَسْتَبْدِلْ قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ  
وَلَا تَضُرُّوهُ شَيْئًا ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٤٠﴾  
إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا ثَانِيَ اثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا فِي الْغَارِ إِذْ يَقُولُ  
لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا ۖ فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ  
سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَيْهِ ۖ وَأَيَّدَهُ بِجُنُودٍ لَّمْ تَرَوْهَا  
وَجَعَلَ كَلِمَةَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا السُّفْلَى ۗ وَكَلِمَةُ  
اللَّهِ هِيَ الْعُلْيَا ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٤١﴾ انْفِرُوا  
خِفَافًا وَثِقَالًا ۖ وَجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ  
فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۗ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ لَوْ كَانَ عَرَضًا قَرِيبًا وَسَفَرًا قَاصِدًا  
لَتَّبِعُوكُمْ وَلَكِنْ بَعُدَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ الشُّقَّةُ ۗ

وَسَيُحْلِفُونَ

منزل ٢

362 Abu Bakr Aş-Siddiq, Islam's first Caliph and a prominent figure in Islamic history. He accompanied the Prophet (ﷺ) during his emigration from Mecca to Medina after years of persecution at the hands of the Meccan pagans.

وَسَيَحْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ لَوِ اسْتَطَعْنَا لَخَرَجْنَا مَعَكُمْ

يُهْلِكُونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّهُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ ٤٣

عَفَا اللَّهُ عَنْكَ ۚ لِمَ أَذِنْتَ لَهُمْ حَتَّى يَتَبَيَّنَ

لَكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَتَعْلَمَ الْكَاذِبِينَ ٤٤

يَسْتَأْذِنُكَ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

أَنْ يُجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ

بِالْمُتَّقِينَ ٤٥ إِنَّمَا يَسْتَأْذِنُكَ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَارْتَابَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ فَهُمْ

فِي رَيْبِهِمْ يَتَرَدَّدُونَ ٤٦ وَلَوْ أَرَادُوا الْخُرُوجَ

لَا عُدَّةَ لَهُ عُدَّةً وَلَكِنْ كَرِهَ اللَّهُ انْبِعَاثَهُمْ

فَتَبَطَّطُمْ وَقِيلَ اقْعُدُوا مَعَ الْقَاعِدِينَ ٤٧ لَوْ

خَرَجُوا فِيكُمْ مَا زَادُوكُمْ إِلَّا خَبَالًا وَلَا أَوْضَعُوا

خِلَالَكُمْ يَبْغُونَ كُفَّالَكُمْ ۖ وَالْفِتْنَةُ ۚ وَفِيكُمْ سَبْعُونَ

And they will swear by Allah, "Had we been able, we would have certainly joined you." They are ruining themselves. And Allah knows that they are surely lying. 43. May Allah pardon you 'O Prophet'! Why did you give them permission 'to stay behind' before those who told the truth were distinguished from those who were lying?

#### Exemption from Fighting

44. Those who believe in Allah and the Last Day do not ask for exemption from striving with their wealth and their lives. And Allah has perfect knowledge of those who are mindful 'of Him'. 45. No one would ask for exemption except those who have no faith in Allah or the Last Day, and whose hearts are in doubt, so they are torn by their doubts.

#### The Trouble-Makers

46. Had they 'really' intended to march forth, they would have made preparations for it. But Allah disliked that they should go, so He let them lag behind, and it was said 'to them', "Stay with those 'helpless' who remain behind." 47. Had they gone forth with you 'believers', they would have been nothing but trouble for you, and would have scrambled around, seeking to spread discord in your midst. And some of you would have eagerly listened to them.

And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of the wrongdoers. 48. They had already sought to spread discord before<sup>363</sup> and devised every 'possible' plot against you 'O Prophet', until the truth came and Allah's Will prevailed—much to their dismay.

#### False Excuse 2) Temptation

49. There are some of them who say, "Exempt me and do not expose me to temptation."<sup>364</sup> They have already fallen into temptation. And Hell will surely engulf the disbelievers.

#### Those Who Stayed Behind

50. If a blessing befalls you 'O Prophet', they grieve, but if a disaster befalls you, they say, "We took our precaution in advance," and turn away, rejoicing. 51. Say, "Nothing will ever befall us except what Allah has destined for us. He is our Protector." So in Allah let the believers put their trust. 52. Say, "Are you awaiting anything to befall us except one of the two best things: 'victory or martyrdom'? But We are awaiting Allah to afflict you with torment either from Him or at our hands. So keep waiting! We too are waiting with you."

لَهُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾ لَقَدْ ابْتَغُوا  
الْفِتْنَةَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَقَلَّبُوا لَكَ الْأُمُورَ حَتَّى جَاءَ  
الْحَقُّ وَظَهَرَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَهُمْ كَرِهُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ وَمِنْهُمْ  
مَنْ يَقُولُ ائْذَنْ لِي وَلَا تَفْتِنِّي ۖ أَلَا فِي الْفِتْنَةِ  
سَقُطُوا ۖ وَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَكُحِيطَةٌ بِالْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾  
إِنْ تُصِيبَكَ حَسَنَةٌ تَسُؤْهُمْ ۖ وَإِنْ تُصِيبَكَ مُصِيبَةٌ  
يَقُولُوا قَدْ أَخَذْنَا أَمْرَنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَيَتَوَلَّوْا  
وَهُمْ فَرِحُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ قُلْ لَنْ يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ  
اللَّهُ لَنَا ۖ هُوَ مَوْلَانَا ۖ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ  
الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾ قُلْ هَلْ تَرَبَّصُونَ بِنَا إِلَّا إِحْدَى  
الْحُسْنَيْنِ ۖ وَنَحْنُ نَتَرَبَّصُ بِكُمْ أَنْ يُصِيبَكُمْ  
اللَّهُ بِعَذَابٍ مِّنْ عِنْدِهِ أَوْ بَأْيَدِنَا ۖ فَتَرَبَّصُوا  
إِنَّا مَعَكُمْ مُّتَرَبِّصُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ قُلْ أَنْفِقُوا طَوْعًا

363 For example, 'Abdullāh ibn Ubai ibn Salūl, a chief hypocrite, marched with the Prophet (ﷺ) for the Battle of Uhud in the outskirts of Medina, then decided not to join the fight and returned to Medina with his followers who made up around one third of the Muslim army.

364 Another hypocrite by the name of Jadd ibn Qais came to the Prophet (ﷺ) asking to be exempt from joining the army because he had a weakness for women and he was afraid that he would be tempted by Roman women.

أَوْ كَرِهًا لَّنَ يَتَقَبَّلَ مِنْكُمُ ۖ إِنَّكُم كُنْتُمْ قَوْمًا  
 فَسِيقِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَمَا مَنَعَهُمْ أَنْ تُقَبَّلَ مِنْهُمْ نَفَقَتُهُمْ  
 إِلَّا أَنَّهُمْ كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ وَبِرَسُولِهِ وَلَا يَأْتُونَ  
 الصَّلَاةَ إِلَّا وَهُمْ كُسَالَى وَلَا يُنْفِقُونَ إِلَّا وَهُمْ  
 كَارِهُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾ فَلَا تَعْجَبْكَ أَمْوَالُهُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُهُمْ ۖ  
 إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ بِهَا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا  
 وَتَزْهَقَ أَنْفُسُهُمْ وَهُمْ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ وَيَحْلِفُونَ  
 بِاللَّهِ إِنَّهُمْ لَمِنكُمْ ۖ وَمَا هُمْ بِمِنكُمْ وَلَكِنَّهُمْ  
 قَوْمٌ يَفْرَقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾ لَوْ يَجِدُونَ مَلْجَأً أَوْ مَغْرَبًا أَوْ  
 مَدَّخَلًا لَّوَلَّوْا إِلَيْهِ وَهُمْ يَجْمَحُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَمِنْهُمْ  
 مَنْ يَلْمِزُكَ فِي الصَّدَقَاتِ ۚ فَإِنْ أُعْطُوا مِنْهَا  
 رَضُوا وَإِنْ لَمْ يُعْطُوا مِنْهَا إِذَا هُمْ يَسْخَطُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾  
 وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ رَضُوا مَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ۚ

### Unaccepted Contributions

53. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Whether you donate willingly or unwillingly, it will never be accepted from you, for you have been a rebellious people."

54. And what prevented their donations from being accepted is that they have lost faith in Allah and His Messenger, they never come to prayer except half-heartedly, and they never donate except resentfully. 55. So let neither their wealth nor children impress you 'O Prophet'. Allah only intends to torment them through these things in this worldly life, then their souls will depart while they are disbelievers.

### False Oaths

56. They swear by Allah that they are part of you, but they are not. They only say so out of fear. 57. If only they could find a refuge, or a cave, or any hiding-place, they would rush headlong towards it.

### Discontent with Charity

58. There are some of them who are critical of your distribution of alms 'O Prophet'. If they are given some of it they are pleased, but if not they are enraged. 59. If only they had been content with what Allah and His Messenger had given them and said,

“Allah is sufficient for us! Allah will grant us out of His bounty, and so will His Messenger. To Allah ‘alone’ we turn with hope.”

#### Alms-Tax Recipients

60. Alms-tax is only for the poor and the needy, for those employed to administer it, for those whose hearts are attracted ‘to the faith’, for ‘freeing’ slaves, for those in debt, for Allah’s cause, and for ‘needy’ travellers. ‘This is’ an obligation from Allah. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### Criticizing the Prophet

61. And there are others who hurt the Prophet by saying, “He listens to anyone.” Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “He listens to what is best for you. He believes in Allah, has faith in the believers, and is a mercy for those who believe among you.” Those who hurt Allah’s Messenger will suffer a painful punishment.

#### The Disgrace

62. They swear by Allah to you ‘believers’ in order to please you, while it is the pleasure of Allah and His Messenger they should seek, if they are ‘true’ believers. 63. Do they not know that whoever opposes Allah

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وَأَعْلَمُوا ١٠

وَقَالُوا حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ سَيُؤْتِينَا اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ  
وَرَسُولَهُ إِنَّا إِلَى اللَّهِ رَاغِبُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾ إِنَّمَا الصَّدَقَتُ  
لِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْعَمِلِينَ عَلَيْهَا  
وَالْمُؤَلَّفَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَالْغَرَمِيِّنَ  
وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ ۖ فَرِيضَةٌ مِّنَ  
اللَّهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَمِنْهُمْ الَّذِينَ  
يُؤْذُونَ النَّبِيَّ وَيَقُولُونَ هُوَ أَذْنٌ ۖ قُلْ أَذُنُ  
خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ يَوْمُنَ بِاللَّهِ وَيَوْمُنَ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
وَرَحْمَةً لِّلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ  
يُؤْذُونَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٦١﴾  
يَخْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ لَكُمُ لِيَرْضَوْكُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ  
أَحَقُّ أَنْ يَرْضَوْهُ إِنَّ كَانُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٦٢﴾ أَلَمْ  
يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ مَن يُّحَادِدِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَأَنَّ

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مَنْزِلَةٌ



لَهُ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا فِيهَا ۚ ذَٰلِكَ الْخِزْيُ

الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١٣﴾ يَحْذَرُ الْمُنْفِقُونَ أَنْ تُنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ

سُورَةٌ تَنْبِيئُهُمْ بِمَا فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ ۚ قُلِ اسْتَهْزَؤُا ۚ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مُخْرِجٌ مَّا تَحْذَرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ

لَيَقُولَنَّ إِنَّمَا كُنَّا نَخُوضُ وَنَلْعَبُ ۚ قُلْ أَبِاللَّهِ

وَآيَاتِهِ وَرَسُولِهِ كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿١٥﴾ لَا

تَعْتَذِرُوا قَدْ كَفَرْتُمْ بَعْدَ إِيمَانِكُمْ ۚ إِنْ تَعْفُ

عَنْ طَائِفَةٍ مِّنْكُمْ نُعَذِّبْ طَائِفَةً بِأَنَّهُمْ

كَانُوا مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿١٦﴾ الْمُنْفِقُونَ وَالْمُنْفِقَتُ بَعْضُهُمْ

مِّنْ بَعْضٍ ۖ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمُنْكَرِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ

عَنِ الْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَقْبِضُونَ أَيْدِيَهُمْ ۚ نَسُوا اللَّهَ

فَنَسِيَهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ الْمُنْفِقِينَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَعَدَ

اللَّهُ الْمُنْفِقِينَ وَالْمُنْفِقَتِ وَالْكَفَّارَ نَارَ

and His Messenger will be in the Fire of Hell forever? That is the ultimate disgrace.

#### Blasphemy Exposed

64. The hypocrites fear that a sūrah should be revealed about them, exposing what is in their hearts. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Keep mocking! Allah will definitely bring to light what you fear." 65. If you question them, they will certainly say, "We were only talking idly and joking around." Say, "Was it Allah, His revelations, and His Messenger that you ridiculed?" 66. Make no excuses! You have lost faith after your belief. If We pardon a group of you,<sup>365</sup> We will punish others for their wickedness.

#### Punishment of the Hypocrites

67. The hypocrites, both men and women, are all alike: they encourage what is evil, forbid what is good, and withhold 'what is in' their hands. They neglected Allah, so He neglected them. Surely the hypocrites are the rebellious. 68. Allah has promised the hypocrites, both men and women, and the disbelievers

an everlasting stay in the Fire of Hell—it is sufficient for them. Allah has condemned them, and they will suffer a never-ending punishment.

#### *Fate of the Disbelievers*

69. 'You hypocrites are' like those 'disbelievers' before you. They were far superior to you in might and more abundant in wealth and children. They enjoyed their share in this life. You have enjoyed your share, just as they did. And you have engaged in idle talk, just as they did. Their deeds have become void in this world and the Hereafter. And it is they who are the 'true' losers. 70. Have they not received the stories of those 'destroyed' before them: the people of Noah, 'Âd, and Thamûd, the people of Abraham, the residents of Midian, and the overturned cities 'of Lot'?<sup>366</sup> Their messengers came to them with clear proofs. Allah would have never wronged them, but it was they who wronged themselves.

#### *Reward of the Believers*

71. The believers, both men and women, are guardians of one another.

وَأَعْلَمُوا ۚ  
جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۖ هِيَ حَسْبُهُمْ وَلَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ ۖ  
وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّقِيمٌ ﴿٦٩﴾ كَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ  
كَانُوا أَشَدَّ مِنْكُمْ قُوَّةً ۖ وَكَثْرَ أَمْوَالًا ۖ وَأَوْلَادًا ۖ  
فَاسْتَمْتَعُوا بِخَلَاقِهِمْ ۖ فَاسْتَمْتَعْتُمْ بِخَلَاقِكُمْ  
كَمَا اسْتَمْتَعَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ بِخَلَاقِهِمْ  
وَخُضْتُمْ كَالَّذِي خَاضُوا ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ حَبِطَتْ  
أَعْمَالُهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ أَلَمْ يَأْتِهِمْ نَبَأُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ  
قَوْمِ نُوحٍ ۖ وَعَادٍ ۖ وَثَمُودَ ۖ وَقَوْمِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ  
وَأَصْحَابِ مَدْيَنَ ۖ وَالْمُؤْتَفِكَاتِ ۖ أَتَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ  
بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ۖ فَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيَظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا  
أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٧١﴾ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ  
بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ۖ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْعُرُوفِ  
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وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ  
وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَيُطِيعُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۚ  
أُولَٰئِكَ سَيَرْحَمُهُمُ اللَّهُ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٤١﴾  
وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ  
تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا  
وَمَسْكَنَ طَيِّبَةً ۚ فِي جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ ۚ وَرِضْوَانٌ  
مِّنَ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٤٢﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ جَاهِدِ الْكُفَّارَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ  
وَأَغْلُظْ عَلَيْهِمْ ۚ وَمَا وَهُمْ بِجَهَنَّمَ ۚ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٤٣﴾  
يَحْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ مَا قَالُوا ۚ وَلَقَدْ قَالُوا  
كَلِمَةَ الْكُفْرِ وَكَفَرُوا بَعْدَ إِسْلَامِهِمْ وَهُمْ  
بِمَا لَمْ يَنَالُوا ۚ وَمَا نَقَمُوا إِلَّا أَنْ أَغْنَاهُمُ  
اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ۚ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۚ فَإِنْ يَتُوبُوا يَكُ

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They encourage good and forbid evil, establish prayer and pay alms-tax, and obey Allah and His Messenger. It is they who will be shown Allah's mercy. Surely Allah is Almighty, All-Wise. 72. Allah has promised the believers, both men and women, Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there forever, and splendid homes in the Gardens of Eternity, and—above all—the pleasure of Allah. That is 'truly' the ultimate triumph.

#### Returning Favour with Ingratitude

73. O Prophet! Struggle against the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and be firm with them. Hell will be their home. What an evil destination!

74. They swear by Allah that they never said anything 'blasphemous', while they did in fact utter a blasphemy, lost faith after accepting Islam, and plotted what they could not carry out.<sup>367</sup> It is only through resentment that they pay Allah and His Messenger back for enriching them out of His bounty!

If they repent, it will be better for them. But if they turn away, Allah will torment them with a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter, and they will have no one on earth to protect or help them.

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75. And there are some who had made a vow to Allah: "If He gives us from His bounty, we will surely spend in charity and be of the righteous." 76. But when He gave them out of His bounty, they withheld it and turned away indifferently. 77. So He caused hypocrisy to plague their hearts until the Day they will meet Him, for breaking their promise to Allah and for their lies. 78. Do they not know that Allah "fully" knows their "evil" thoughts and secret talks, and that Allah is the Knower of all unseen?

### Donations Criticized<sup>368</sup>

79. "There are" those who slander "some of" the believers for donating liberally and mock others for giving only the little they can afford. Allah will throw their mockery back at them,

خَيْرًا لَهُمْ ۚ وَإِنْ يَتَوَلَّوْا يُعَذِّبَهُمُ اللَّهُ  
عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ۖ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۚ وَمَا لَهُمْ  
فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ۝ وَمِنْهُمْ  
مَنْ عَاهَدَ اللَّهُ لَنْ لَا يَنْفُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ  
لَنْصَدَّقَنَّهُ وَلَنْكُونَنَّ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ۝ فَلَمَّا  
آتَاهُمُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ بَخِلُوا بِهِ وَتَوَلَّوْا وَهُمْ  
مُعْرِضُونَ ۝ فَأَعْقَبَهُمْ نِفَاقًا فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ  
إِلَى يَوْمٍ يَلْقَوْنَهُ بِمَا أَخْلَفُوا اللَّهَ مَا  
وَعَدُوهُ وَبِمَا كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ ۝ أَلَمْ يَعْلَمُوا  
أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ سِرَّهُمْ وَنَجْوَاهُمْ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ  
عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ ۝ الَّذِينَ يَلْمِزُونَ الْمُطَّوِّعِينَ  
مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي الصَّدَقَاتِ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَجِدُونَ  
إِلَّا جُهْدَهُمْ فَيَسْخَرُونَ مِنْهُمْ ۖ سَخِرَ اللَّهُ

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368 Not only did the hypocrites withhold their wealth, but they were also critical of those who donated. If a rich believer gave generously, the hypocrites would say, "He is showing off," and if a poor believer gave what they could afford, they would say, "This is not good enough."

مِنْهُمْ زَوْالَهُمْ عَذَابُ الْيَمِّ ۖ اِسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ  
 اَوَّلًا تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ ۖ اِنْ تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ سَبْعِينَ  
 مَرَّةً فَلَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ ۖ ذٰلِكَ بِاَنَّهُمْ  
 كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ  
 الْفٰسِقِيْنَ ۝۸۱ فَرِحَ الْخٰلِفُوْنَ بِمَقْعَدِهِمْ خَلْفَ  
 رَسُوْلِ اللَّهِ وَكَرِهُوْا اَنْ يُجَاهِدُوْا بِاَمْوَالِهِمْ  
 وَاَنْفُسِهِمْ فِيْ سَبِيْلِ اللَّهِ وَقَالُوْا لَا تَنْفِرُوْا فِي الْحَرِّ ۖ  
 قُلْ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ اَشَدُّ حَرًّا ۖ لَوْ كَانُوْا يَفْقَهُوْنَ ۝۸۲  
 فَلْيَضْحَكُوْا قَلِيْلًا وَلْيَبْكُوْا كَثِيْرًا ۚ جَزَاءُ مِّمَّا  
 كَانُوْا يَكْسِبُوْنَ ۝۸۳ فَاِنْ رَّجَعَكَ اللَّهُ اِلَى  
 طٰٓئِفَةٍ مِّنْهُمْ فَاَسْتٰذِنُوْكَ لِخُرُوْجٍ فَقُلْ لَنْ  
 تَخْرُجُوْا مَعِيَ اَبَدًا ۚ وَلَنْ تُقَاتِلُوْا مَعِيَ عَدُوًّا ۖ  
 اِنَّكُمْ رَضِيتُمْ بِالْقُعُوْدِ اَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ فَاَقْعُدُوْا مَعَ

and they will suffer a painful punishment. 80. "It does not matter" whether you "O Prophet" pray for them to be forgiven or not. Even if you pray for their forgiveness seventy times, Allah will never forgive them. That is because they have lost faith in Allah and His Messenger. And Allah does not guide the rebellious people.

#### False Excuse 3) Heat

81. Those 'hypocrites' who remained behind rejoiced for doing so in defiance of the Messenger of Allah and hated 'the prospect of' striving with their wealth and their lives in the cause of Allah. They said 'to one another', "Do not march forth in the heat." Say, 'O Prophet,' "The Fire of Hell is far hotter!" If only they could comprehend! 82. So let them laugh a little—they will weep much as a reward for what they have committed.

#### Instructions to the Prophet

83. If Allah returns you 'O Prophet' to a group of them and they ask to go forth with you, say, "You will not ever go forth or fight an enemy along with me. You preferred to stay behind the first time,

so stay with those 'helpless' who remain behind." 84. And do not ever offer 'funeral' prayers for any of their dead, nor stand by their grave 'at burial', for they have lost faith in Allah and His Messenger and died rebellious. 85. And let neither their wealth nor children impress you 'O Prophet'. Allah only intends to torment them through these things in this world, and 'then' their souls will depart while they are disbelievers.

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86. Whenever a sūrah is revealed stating, "Believe in Allah and struggle along with His Messenger," the rich among them would ask to be exempt, saying, "Leave us with those who remain behind." 87. They preferred to stay behind with the helpless, and their hearts have been sealed so they do not comprehend.

#### The Faithful

88. But the Messenger and the believers with him strived with their wealth and their lives. They will have all the best, and it is they who will be successful. 89. Allah has prepared for them Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there forever.

الْخَلِيفِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾ وَلَا تُصَلِّ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ مَّتَّ  
أَبَدًا وَلَا تَقُمْ عَلَى قَبْرِهٖ ۚ إِنَّهُمْ كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ  
وَرَسُولِهِ وَمَاتُوا وَهُمْ فَسِقُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾ وَلَا تَحْجِبْكَ  
أَمْوَالُهُمْ وَأَوْلَادُهُمْ إِنَّا نَرِيكَ اللَّهُ أَن يَّعِدَّ بِهِمْ  
بِهَآ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَتَزْهَقَ أَنفُسُهُمْ وَهُمْ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾  
وَإِذَا أُنْزِلَتْ سُورَةٌ أَن آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَجَاهِدُوا مَعَ  
رَسُولِهِ اسْتَأْذَنَكَ أُولُو الطَّلُولِ مِنْهُمْ وَقَالُوا  
ذَرْنَا نَكُنْ مَعَ الْقَاعِدِينَ ﴿٩٠﴾ رَضُوا بِأَن يَكُونُوا مَعَ  
الْخَوَالِفِ وَطُبِعَ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٩١﴾  
لِّكِنِ الرَّسُولُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ جَاهِدُوا  
بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمُ الْخَيْرَاتُ ۚ  
وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْبَاقِيُونَ ﴿٩٢﴾ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ  
تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۚ

That is the ultimate triumph.

### Unfaithful Nomads

90. Some nomadic Arabs 'also' came with excuses, seeking exemption. And those who were untrue to Allah and His Messenger remained behind 'with no excuse'. The unfaithful among them will be afflicted with a painful punishment.

### Valid Excuses

91. There is no blame on the weak, the sick, or those lacking the means 'if they stay behind', as long as they are true to Allah and His Messenger. There is no blame on the good-doers. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 92. Nor 'is there any blame on' those who came to you 'O Prophet' for mounts, then when you said, "I can find no mounts for you," they left with eyes overflowing with tears out of grief that they had nothing to contribute.

### Invalid Excuses

93. Blame is only on those who seek exemption from you although they have the means. They preferred to stay behind with the helpless, and Allah has sealed their hearts so they do not realize 'the consequences'.

ذَٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ٩٠ وَجَاءَ الْمُعَذِّرُونَ مِنَ  
الْأَعْرَابِ لِيُؤْذَنَ لَهُمْ وَقَعَدَ الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا  
اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۖ سَيُصِيبُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ  
عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ٩١ لَيْسَ عَلَى الضُّعَفَاءِ وَلَا عَلَى الْمَرْضَى  
وَلَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يَجِدُونَ مَا يَنْفِقُونَ حَرَجٌ إِذَا  
نَصَحُوا لِلَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۖ مَا عَلَى الْمُحْسِنِينَ مِنْ  
سَبِيلٍ ۖ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ٩٢ وَلَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ  
إِذَا مَا أْتَوْكَ لِتَحْمِلَهُمْ قُلْتَ لَا أَجِدُ مَا  
أَحْمِلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ ۖ تَوَلَّوْا وَأَعْيُنُهُمْ تَفِيضُ مِنَ  
الدَّمْعِ حَزَنًا أَلَّا يَجِدُوا مَا يَنْفِقُونَ ٩٣ إِنَّمَا  
السَّبِيلُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْتَأْذِنُونَكَ وَهُمْ  
أَغْنِيَاءُ ۚ رَضُوا بِأَنْ يَكُونُوا مَعَ الْخَوَالِفِ ۚ  
وَطَبَعَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ٩٤

94. They will make excuses to you 'believers' when you return to them. Say, "Make no excuses, 'for' we will not believe you. Allah has already informed us about your 'true' state 'of faith'. Your 'future' deeds will be observed by Allah and His Messenger as well. And you will be returned to the Knower of the seen and unseen, then He will inform you of what you used to do." 95. When you return, they will swear to you by Allah so that you may leave them alone. So leave them alone—they are truly evil. Hell will be their home as a reward for what they have committed. 96. They will swear to you in order to please you. And even if you are pleased with them, Allah will never be pleased with the rebellious people.

#### Unfaithful Nomads

97. The nomadic Arabs 'around Medina' are far worse in disbelief and hypocrisy, and less likely to know the laws revealed by Allah to His Messenger. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. 98. And among the nomads are those who consider what they donate to be a loss and await your misfortune. May ill-fortune befall them! And Allah is All-Hearing,

الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ ۹

يَعْتَذِرُونَ إِلَيْكُمْ إِذَا رَجَعْتُمْ إِلَيْهِمْ ؕ قُلْ لَا  
تَعْتَذِرُوا لَنْ تُؤْمِنَ لَكُمْ قَدْ نَبَأْنَا اللَّهُ مِنْ أَنْبَارِكُمْ  
وَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ ثُمَّ تُرَدُّونَ إِلَى  
عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ  
تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾ سَيَخْلِفُونَ بِاللهِ لَكُمْ إِذَا انْقَلَبْتُمْ  
إِلَيْهِمْ لَتَعْرِضُوا عَنْهُمْ ؕ فَاعْرِضُوا عَنْهُمْ ؕ إِنَّهُمْ  
رَجَسٌ زَوَامٍ وَهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ جَزَاءُ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾  
يَخْلِفُونَ لَكُمْ لِتَرْضَوْا عَنْهُمْ ؕ فَإِنْ تَرْضَوْا عَنْهُمْ  
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَرْضَىٰ عَنِ الْقَوْمِ الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٩٧﴾ أَلَا عَرَابُ  
أَشَدُّ كُفْرًا وَنِفَاقًا وَأَجْدَرُ أَلَّا يَعْلَمُوا حُدُودَ مَا  
أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ رَسُولِهِ ؕ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٩٨﴾ وَمِنْ  
الْأَعْرَابِ مَنْ يَتَّخِذُ مَا يُنْفِقُ مَغْرَمًا وَيَتَرَبَّصُ  
بِكُمُ الدَّوَائِرَ عَلَيْهِمْ دَائِرَةُ السَّوْءِ ؕ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ

عَلِيمٌ

مَنْزُورٌ ۲



عَلِيمٌ ﴿٩٨﴾ وَمِنَ الْأَعْرَابِ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ

الْآخِرِ وَيَتَّخِذُ مَا يُنْفِقُ قُرْبًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَصَلَوَاتِ

الرَّسُولِ ۖ لَا إِيَّاهَا قُرْبَةٌ لَهُمْ ۖ سَيُدْخِلُهُمُ اللَّهُ

فِي رَحْمَتِهِ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَفْوٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٩٩﴾ وَالسَّيْقُونَ

الْأَوَّلُونَ مِنَ الْهَاجِرِينَ وَالْأَنْصَارِ وَالَّذِينَ

اتَّبَعُوهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ ۖ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا

عَنْهُ ۖ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ

خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۖ ذَٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١٠٠﴾ وَمِمَّنْ

حَوْلَكُمْ مِّنَ الْأَعْرَابِ مُنْفِقُونَ ۖ وَمِنَ أَهْلِ الْمَدِينَةِ

مَرَدُّو عَلَى النِّفَاقِ ۖ لَا تَعْلَمُهُمْ ۖ نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُهُمْ ۖ

سَنُعَذِّبُهُمْ مَّرَّتَيْنِ ثُمَّ يُرْدُّونَ إِلَىٰ عَذَابٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٠١﴾

وَأَخْرُوجُونَ اعْتَرَفُوا بِذُنُوبِهِمْ خَلَطُوا عَمَلًا صَالِحًا

وَأَخْرَسِيًّا ۖ عَسَىٰ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَتُوبَ عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ

غَفُورٌ

All-Knowing.

### Faithful Nomads

99. However, among the nomadic Arabs are those who believe in Allah and the Last Day, and consider what they donate as a means of coming closer to Allah and 'receiving' the prayers of the Messenger. It will certainly bring them closer. Allah will admit them into His mercy. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

### The Foremost

100. As for the foremost—the first of the Emigrants<sup>369</sup> and the Helpers<sup>370</sup>—and those who follow them in goodness, Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. And He has prepared for them Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there for ever and ever. That is the ultimate triumph.

### Master Hypocrites

101. Some of the nomads around you 'believers' are hypocrites, as are some of the people of Medina. They have mastered hypocrisy. They are not known to you 'O Prophet'; they are known to Us. We will punish them twice 'in this world',<sup>371</sup> then they will be brought back 'to their Lord' for a tremendous punishment.

### Those Who Are Forgiveness

102. Some others have confessed their

wrongdoing; they have mixed goodness with evil.<sup>372</sup> It is right to hope that Allah will turn to them in mercy.

369 i.e., the early Muslims who emigrated from Mecca to Medina, known as *Al-Muhâjirûn*.

370 i.e., those from Medina, known as *Al-Anṣâr*, who accepted Islam and sheltered Muslim emigrants from Mecca.

371 Through disgrace in this world and bad ending of their lives.

372 They have mixed their adherence to Islam with their disobedience to march forth with the Prophet (ﷺ) to Tabûk.

Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 103. Take from their wealth 'O Prophet' charity to purify and bless them, and pray for them—surely your prayer is a source of comfort for them. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 104. Do they not know that Allah alone accepts the repentance of His servants and receives 'their' charity, and that Allah alone is the Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful?

### A Second Chance

105. Tell 'them, O Prophet', "Do as you will. Your deeds will be observed by Allah, His Messenger, and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the seen and unseen, then He will inform you of what you used to do."

### The Three Who Remained Behind<sup>373</sup>

106. And some others are left for Allah's decision, either to punish them or turn to them in merey. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

### The Mosque of Harm

107. There are also those 'hypocrites' who set up a mosque 'only' to cause harm, promote disbelief, divide the believers. and as a base for those who had previously fought against Allah and His Messenger.<sup>374</sup> They will definitely swear, "We intended nothing but good," but Allah bears witness that they are surely liars.

غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ۝ خُذْ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ صَدَقَةً تُطَهِّرُهُمْ  
وَتُزَكِّيَهُمْ بِهَا وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ إِنَّ صَلَوَاتَكَ سَكَنٌ  
لَّهُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ۝ أَلَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ  
هُوَ يَقْبَلُ التَّوْبَةَ عَنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَأْخُذُ الصَّدَقَاتِ  
وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ۝ وَقُلِ اعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى  
اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ ۖ وَسَتُرَدُّونَ  
إِلَى عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ  
تَعْمَلُونَ ۝ وَآخَرُونَ مُرْجُونَ لِمِ اللَّهِ إِمَّا  
يُعَذِّبُهُمْ وَإِمَّا يَتُوبُ عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ  
حَكِيمٌ ۝ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مَسْجِدًا ضِرَارًا وَكُفْرًا  
وَتَفْرِيقًا بَيْنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَإِرْصَادًا لِمَنْ حَارَبَ  
اللَّهُ وَرَسُولَهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ وَلَيَحْلِفَنَّ إِنْ أَرَدْنَا  
إِلَّا الْحُسْنَى ۖ وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّهُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ ۝ لَا تَقُمْ

فِيهِ أَبَدًا

مِثْلُ

373 This verse refers to Ka'b ibn Mâlik, Murarah ibn Rabî', and Hilâl ibn Umayyah, the three companions who remained in Medina with no excuse, but were honest about what they did. They were boycotted by the Muslims for about fifty days until verses 118-119 of this sūrah were revealed declaring the acceptance of their repentance.

374 Abu 'Âmer Ar-Râhib was a monk who fought against the Muslims at the Battle of Badr. He ordered a group of twelve hypocrites to build a mosque near the Mosque of Qubâ', the first mosque built by the Muslims and also where the Prophet (ﷺ) and his companions would pray. The new mosque, commonly referred to as *Masjid Ad-Dirâr* (Mosque of Harm), was intended to attract other hypocrites and reduce the number of Muslims who prayed at Qubâ'. The hypocrites who built the mosque also anticipated the arrival of Abu 'Âmer with Roman forces to expel the Prophet (ﷺ) and Muslims out of Medina. Upon a request from these hypocrites, the Prophet (ﷺ) had planned to visit the new mosque once he returned from Tabûk, but verses 107-110 of this sūrah were revealed, warning the Prophet (ﷺ) against that mosque. According to some narrations, the Prophet (ﷺ) ordered this mosque to be burned down.

فِيهِ أَبَدًا ۖ لَمْ يَسِدْ أُسَسٌ عَلَى التَّقْوَىٰ مِنْ أَوَّلِ  
يَوْمٍ أَحَقُّ أَنْ تَقُومَ فِيهِ ۖ فِيهِ رِجَالٌ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ  
يَتَّطَهَّرُوا ۖ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُطَهَّرِينَ ﴿١٠٨﴾ أَفَمَنْ أُسَسَ  
بُنْيَانُهُ عَلَى تَقْوَىٰ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانٍ خَيْرٌ أَمْ مَنْ  
أُسَسَ بُنْيَانُهُ عَلَى شَفَا جُرْفٍ هَائِلٍ فَأَنهَارُهُ  
فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ ۖ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٠٩﴾  
لَا يَزَالُ بُنْيَانُهُمُ الَّذِي بَنَوْا رِيبَةً فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ إِلَّا  
أَنْ تَقْطَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿١١٠﴾ إِنْ اللَّهُ  
اشْتَرَىٰ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ بِأَنْ  
لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةُ ۖ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيَقْتُلُونَ  
وَيُقْتَلُونَ ۖ وَعَدًا عَلَيْهِ حَقًّا فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ  
وَالْقُرْآنِ ۖ وَمَنْ أَوْفَىٰ بِعَهْدِهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ فَاسْتَبْشِرُوا  
بِبَيْعِكُمُ الَّذِي بَايَعْتُمْ بِهِ ۖ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ

108. Do not 'O Prophet' ever pray in it. Certainly, a mosque founded on righteousness from the first day is more worthy of your prayers. In it are men who love to be purified.<sup>375</sup> And Allah loves those who purify themselves. 109. Which is better: those who laid the foundation of their building on the fear and pleasure of Allah, or those who did so on the edge of a crumbling cliff that tumbled down with them into the Fire of Hell? And Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people. 110. The building which they erected will never cease to fuel hypocrisy in their hearts until their hearts are torn apart. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### The Finest Bargain

111. Allah has indeed purchased from the believers their lives and wealth in exchange for Paradise. They fight in the cause of Allah and kill or are killed. This is a true promise binding on Him in the Torah, the Gospel, and the Quran. And whose promise is truer than Allah's? So rejoice in the exchange you have made with Him.

That is 'truly' the ultimate triumph.

112. 'It is the believers' who repent, who are devoted to worship, who praise 'their Lord', who fast, who bow down and prostrate themselves, who encourage good and forbid evil, and who observe the limits set by Allah. And give good news to the believers.

#### *Praying for the Polytheists*

113. It is not 'proper' for the Prophet and the believers to seek forgiveness for the polytheists, even if they were close relatives, after it has become clear to the believers that they are bound for the Hellfire. 114. As for Abraham's prayer for his father's forgiveness, it was only in fulfilment of a promise he had made to him. But when it became clear to Abraham that his father was an enemy of Allah, he broke ties with him.<sup>376</sup> Abraham was truly tender-hearted, forbearing. 115. Allah would never consider a people deviant after He has guided them, until He makes clear to them what they must avoid. Surely Allah has "full" knowledge of everything.

#### *Allah's Might*

116. Indeed, to Allah 'alone' belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He gives life and causes death. And besides Allah you have no guardian or helper.

الْعَظِيمُ ۝۱۱۲ التَّائِبُونَ الْعِبَادُونَ الْحَمِيدُونَ  
السَّائِحُونَ الرَّكَعُونَ السَّجِدُونَ الْأَمْرُونَ  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَالنَّاهُونَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَالْحَفِظُونَ  
لِحُدُودِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝۱۱۳ مَا كَانَ لِلنَّبِيِّ  
وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ يَسْتَغْفِرُوا لِلْمُشْرِكِينَ وَلَوْ كَانُوا  
أُولَىٰ قُرْبَىٰ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُمْ أَصْحَابُ  
الْجَحِيمِ ۝۱۱۴ وَمَا كَانَ اسْتِغْفَارُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَبِيهِ إِلَّا  
عَنْ مَّوْعِدَةٍ وَعَدَهَا إِيَّاهُ ۖ فَلَمَّا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ أَنَّهُ  
عَدُوٌّ لِلَّهِ تَبَرَّأَ مِنْهُ ۖ إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لَأَوَّاهٌ حَلِيمٌ ۝۱۱۵  
وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُضِلَّ قَوْمًا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَاهُمْ حَتَّىٰ  
يُبَيِّنَ لَهُمْ مَا يَتَّقُونَ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ۝۱۱۶  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ ۖ  
وَمَا لَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ۝۱۱۷ لَقَدْ

تَابَ اللَّهُ

مَنْزِلَ ٢

<sup>376</sup> Abraham promised to pray for his father's forgiveness in 19:47 and 60:4, but when his father died as a disbeliever he discontinued praying for him.

تَابَ اللَّهُ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ وَالْمُهَاجِرِينَ وَالْأَنْصَارِ الَّذِينَ  
 اتَّبَعُوهُ فِي سَاعَةِ الْعُسْرَةِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا كَادَ يَزِيغُ  
 قُلُوبُ فَرِيقٍ مِّنْهُمْ ثُمَّ تَابَ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّهُ بِهِمْ رَءُوفٌ  
 رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١١٤﴾ وَ عَلَى الثَّلَاثَةِ الَّذِينَ خَلَفُوا ۖ حَتَّىٰ  
 إِذَا ضَاقَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ الْأَرْضُ بِمَا رَحُبَتْ وَضَاقَتْ  
 عَلَيْهِمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ وَظَنُّوا أَنْ لَا مَلْجَأَ مِنَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا  
 إِلَيْهِ ۖ ثُمَّ تَابَ عَلَيْهِمْ لِيَتُوبُوا ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ  
 الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١١٥﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا  
 مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿١١٦﴾ مَا كَانَ لِأَهْلِ الْمَدِينَةِ وَمَنْ  
 حَوْلَهُمْ مِنَ الْأَعْرَابِ أَنْ يَتَخَلَّفُوا عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ  
 وَلَا يَرْغَبُوا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ ۗ ذَلِكُمْ بِأَنَّهُمْ لَا  
 يُصِيبُهُمْ ظَمَأٌ وَلَا نَصَبٌ وَلَا مَخْمَصَةٌ فِي سَبِيلِ  
 اللَّهِ وَلَا يَطْئُونَ مَوْطِئًا يَغِيظُ الْكُفَّارَ وَلَا يَنَالُونَ

مِنْ عَدُوِّ

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## Allah's Mercy

117. Allah has certainly turned in mercy to the Prophet<sup>377</sup> as well as the Emigrants and the Helpers who stood by him in the time of hardship, after the hearts of a group of them had almost faltered. He then accepted their repentance. Surely He is Ever Gracious and Most Merciful to them.

The Three<sup>378</sup>

118. And 'Allah has also turned in mercy to' the three who had remained behind, 'whose guilt distressed them' until the earth, despite its vastness, seemed to close in on them, and their souls were torn in anguish. They knew there was no refuge from Allah except in Him. Then He turned to them in mercy so that they might repent. Surely Allah 'alone' is the Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful. 119. O believers! Be mindful of Allah and be with the truthful.

## A Fine Reward

120. It was not 'proper' for the people of Medina and the nomadic Arabs around them to avoid marching with the Messenger of Allah or to prefer their own lives above his. That is because whenever they suffer from thirst, fatigue, or hunger in the cause of Allah; or tread on a territory, unnerving the disbelievers; or inflict any loss on an enemy—

377 The Prophet (ﷺ) is forgiven for exempting all those who came to him with excuses regardless of their honesty, or for seeking forgiveness for the polytheists.

378 See footnote for verse 106 of this sūrah.

it is written to their credit as a good deed. Surely Allah never discounts the reward of the good-doers. 121. And whenever they make a donation, small or large, or cross a valley 'in Allah's cause'—it is written to their credit, so that Allah may grant them the best reward for what they used to do.

#### Gaining Knowledge

122. 'However,' it is not necessary for the believers to march forth all at once. Only a party from each group should march forth, leaving the rest to gain religious knowledge then enlighten their people when they return to them, so that they 'too' may beware 'of evil'.

#### Firmness with the Disbelievers<sup>379</sup>

123. O believers! Fight the disbelievers around you and let them find firmness in you. And know that Allah is with those mindful 'of Him'.

#### Hypocrites Reacting to Revelation

124. Whenever a sūrah is revealed, some of them ask 'mockingly', "Which of you has this increased in faith?" As for the believers, it has increased them in faith and they rejoice. 125. But as for those with sickness in their hearts,<sup>380</sup> it has increased them only in wickedness upon their wickedness,

مَنْ عَدُوٍّ تَبِيٍّ إِلَّا كُتِبَ لَهُمْ بِهِ عَمَلٌ صَالِحٌ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٢١﴾ وَلَا يُنْفِقُونَ  
نَفَقَةً صَغِيرَةً وَلَا كَبِيرَةً وَلَا يَقْطَعُونَ وَادِيًا  
إِلَّا كُتِبَ لَهُمْ لِيَجْزِيَهُمُ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢٢﴾  
وَمَا كَانَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ لِيَنْفِرُوا كَافَّةً ۖ فَلَوْلَا نَفَرَ مِنْ  
كُلِّ فِرْقَةٍ مِنْهُمْ طَائِفَةٌ لِيَتَفَقَّهُوا فِي الدِّينِ  
وَلِيُنذِرُوا قَوْمَهُمْ إِذَا رَجَعُوا إِلَيْهِمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ  
يَحْذَرُونَ ﴿١٢٣﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَاتِلُوا الَّذِينَ  
يَلُونَكُمْ مِنَ الْكُفَّارِ وَلْيَجِدُوا فِيكُمْ غِلْظَةً ۖ وَعَلِمُوا  
أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ السَّادِقِينَ ﴿١٢٤﴾ وَإِذَا مَا أَنْزَلَتْ سُورَةٌ فَمِنْهُمْ  
مَنْ يَقُولُ أَيْكُمُ زَادَتْهُ هَذِهِ إِيمَانًا ۚ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا فزادتهم إيمانًا وَهُمْ يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ ﴿١٢٥﴾  
وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ فزادتهم رجسًا إِلَى

رَجْسِهِمْ

مَنْزِلَ ٢

379 This verse talks exclusively about the disbelievers at war with Muslims. See 2:190-193 and 60:8-9.

380 i.e., hypocrites.

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1. *Alif-Lām-Ra*. These are the verses of the Book, rich in wisdom. 2. Is it astonishing to people that We have sent revelation to a man from among themselves, 'instructing him,'

“Warn humanity and give good news to the believers that they will have an honourable status with their Lord.”? Yet the disbelievers said, “Indeed, this ‘man’ is clearly a magician!”

### Origin of Creation

3. Surely your Lord is Allah Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days,<sup>382</sup> then established Himself on the Throne, conducting every affair. None can intercede except by His permission. That is Allah—your Lord, so worship Him ‘alone’. Will you not then be mindful? 4. To Him is your return all together. Allah’s promise is ‘always’ true. Indeed, He originates the creation then resurrects it so that He may justly reward those who believe and do good. But those who disbelieve will have a boiling drink and a painful punishment for their disbelief.

### Signs in Allah’s Creation

5. He is the One Who made the sun a radiant source and the moon a reflected light, with precisely ordained phases, so that you may know the number of years and calculation ‘of time’. Allah did not create all this except for a purpose. He makes the signs clear for people of knowledge. 6. Surely in the alternation of the day and the night,

وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنَّ لَهُمْ قَدَمَ صِدْقٍ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۚ قَالَ الْكَافِرُونَ إِنَّ هَذَا السَّجُرُومِيُّ ۝  
 إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يُدِيرُ الْأَمْرَ ۚ مَا مِنْ شَفِيعٍ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ إِذْنِهِ ۚ ذَلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ ۚ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ۝ إِلَيْهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا ۖ وَعَدَ اللَّهُ حَقًّا ۖ إِنَّهُ يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ بِالْقِسْطِ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ شَرَابٌ مِّنْ حَمِيمٍ وَعَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ ۝ هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ الشَّمْسُ ضِيَاءً وَالْقَمَرَ نُورًا وَقَدَرَهُ مَنَازِلَ لِتَعْلَمُوا عَدَدَ السِّنِينَ وَالْحِسَابَ ۚ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ ذَلِكَ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ يُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ۝ إِنَّ فِي اخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ

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وَالنَّهَارَ وَمَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَآئِمَاتٍ  
 لِقَوْمٍ يَتَّقُونَ ⑩ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ لَا يَرْجُونَ لِقَاءَنَا وَرَضُوا  
 بِالْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَاطْمَأَنَّنُوا بِهَا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ آيَاتِنَا  
 غَافِلُونَ ⑪ أُولَٰئِكَ مَا لَهُمْ مِنَ النَّارِ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ⑫  
 إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ يَهْدِيهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ  
 بِإِيمَانِهِمْ ⑬ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمُ الْأَنْهَارُ فِي جَنَّاتِ  
 النَّعِيمِ ⑭ دَعْوُهُمْ فِيهَا سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَتَحِيَّتُهُمْ  
 فِيهَا سَلَامٌ ⑮ وَأَخْرَجَ دَعْوَهُمْ أَنْ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ  
 الْعَالَمِينَ ⑯ وَلَوْ يَعْجَلُ اللَّهُ لِلنَّاسِ الشَّرَّ اسْتِعْجَالَهُمْ  
 بِالْخَيْرِ لَقُضِيَ إِلَيْهِمْ أَجْلُهُمْ ⑰ فَندَرُ الَّذِينَ لَا  
 يَرْجُونَ لِقَاءَنَا فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ ⑱ وَإِذَا مَسَّ  
 الْإِنْسَانَ الضُّرُّ دَعَانَا لِجَنبَيْهِ أَوْ قَاعِدًا أَوْ قَائِمًا ⑲  
 فَلَمَّا كَشَفْنَا عَنْهُ ضُرَّهُ مَرَّ كَانُ لَمْ يَدْعُنَا إِلَى

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and in all that Allah has created in the heavens and the earth, there are truly signs for those mindful 'of Him'.

#### Deniers of Resurrection

7. Indeed, those who do not expect to meet Us, being pleased and content with this worldly life, and who are heedless of Our signs, 8. they will have the Fire as a home because of what they have committed.

#### Guided by Faith

9. Surely those who believe and do good, their Lord will guide them 'to Paradise' through their faith, rivers will flow under their feet in the Gardens of Bliss, 10. in which their prayer will be, "Glory be to You, O Allah!" and their greeting will be, "Peace!" and their closing prayer will be, "All praise is for Allah—Lord of all worlds!"

#### No Rush for Evil

11. If Allah were to hasten evil for people<sup>383</sup> as they wish to hasten good, they would have certainly been doomed. But We leave those who do not expect to meet Us to wander blindly in their defiance.

#### The Ungrateful

12. Whenever someone is touched by hardship, they cry out to Us, whether lying on their side, sitting, or standing. But when We relieve their hard-

ship, they return to their old ways as if they had never cried to Us to remove any hardship!

383 When they pray against themselves or their children, or when they demand to be destroyed.

This is how the misdeeds of the transgressors have been made appealing to them.

### Warning to the Meccan Pagans

13. We surely destroyed 'other' peoples before you when they did wrong, and their messengers came to them with clear proofs but they would not believe! This is how We reward the wicked people. 14. Then We made you their successors in the land to see how you would act.

### The Pagans Demand a New Quran

15. When Our clear revelations are recited to them, those who do not expect to meet Us say 'to the Prophet', "Bring us a different Quran or make some changes in it." Say 'to them', "It is not for me to change it on my own. I only follow what is revealed to me. I fear, if I were to disobey my Lord, the punishment of a tremendous Day." 16. Say, "Had Allah willed, I would not have recited it to you, nor would He have made it known to you. I had lived my whole life among you before this 'revelation'. Do you not understand?" 17. Who does more wrong than those who fabricate lies against Allah or deny His revelations?

ضَرَّ مَسَّهُ ۖ كَذَلِكَ زُيِّنَ لِلْمُسْرِفِينَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٣﴾  
وَلَقَدْ أَهْلَكْنَا الْقُرُونَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَمَّا ظَلَمُوا ۖ  
وَجَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَمَا كَانُوا لِيُؤْمِنُوا ۚ  
كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْقَوْمَ الْجَارِمِينَ ﴿١٤﴾ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ  
خَلَائِفَ فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ لِنَنْظُرَ كَيْفَ  
تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٥﴾ وَإِذَا تَتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ ۚ قَالَ  
الَّذِينَ لَا يَرْجُونَ لِقَاءَنَا إِنَّا بِقُرْآنٍ غَيْرِ هَذَا  
أَوْ بَدِّلْهُ ۚ قُلْ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أُبَدِّلَهُ مِنْ تِلْقَائِي  
نَفْسِي ۚ إِنْ أَتَّبِعُ إِلَّا مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ ۚ إِنِّي أَخَافُ إِنْ  
عَصَيْتُ رَبِّي عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٦﴾ قُلْ لَوْ شَاءَ  
اللَّهُ مَا تَلَوْتُهُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَلَا أَدْرِكُمْ بِهِ ۚ فَقَدْ  
لَبِثْتُ فِيكُمْ عُمُرًا مِّن قَبْلِهِ ۚ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ فَمَنْ  
أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ كَذَّبَ بِآيَاتِهِ ۚ

إِنَّهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الْبَجْرُمُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ وَيَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ  
 دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَضُرُّهُمْ وَلَا يَنْفَعُهُمْ وَيَقُولُونَ  
 هَؤُلَاءِ شُفَعَاؤُنَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ط قُلْ أَتُنَبِّئُونَ اللَّهَ بِمَا  
 لَا يَعْلَمُ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ط سُبْحَنَهُ وَتَعَالَى  
 عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿١٥﴾ وَمَا كَانَ النَّاسُ إِلَّا أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً  
 فَاخْتَلَفُوا ط وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةٌ سَبَقَتْ مِنْ رَبِّكَ لَقُضِيَ  
 بَيْنَهُمْ فِيمَا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ لَوْلَا  
 أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَةً مِنْ رَبِّهِ ؕ فَقُلْ إِنَّمَا الْغَيْبُ  
 لِلَّهِ فَانْتَظِرُوا ؕ إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ مِنَ الْمُنْتَظِرِينَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَإِذَا  
 أَذَقْنَا النَّاسَ رَحْمَةً مِنْ بَعْدِ ضَرَاءٍ مَسَّتْهُمْ إِذَا  
 لَهُمْ مَكْرٌ فِي آيَاتِنَا ط قُلِ اللَّهُ أَسْرَعُ مَكْرًا ط  
 إِنَّ رُسُلَنَا يَكْتُبُونَ مَا تَمْكُرُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ هُوَ الَّذِي  
 يُسَيِّرُكُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ ط حَتَّىٰ إِذَا كُنْتُمْ فِي

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Indeed, the wicked will never succeed.

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18. They worship besides Allah others who can neither harm nor benefit them, and say, "These are our intercessors with Allah." Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Are you informing Allah of something He does not know in the heavens or the earth? Glorified and Exalted is He above what they associate 'with Him'!"

### No Longer United by Faith

19. Humanity was once nothing but a single community 'of believers', but then they differed.<sup>384</sup> Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord,<sup>385</sup> their differences would have been settled 'at once'.

### Demanding a New Miracle<sup>386</sup>

20. They ask, "Why has no 'other' sign been sent down to him from his Lord?" Say, "O Prophet," "The knowledge of the unseen is with Allah alone. So wait! I too am waiting with you."

### Returning Favour with Denial

21. When We give people a taste of mercy after being afflicted with a hardship, they swiftly devise plots against Our revelations! Say, 'O Prophet,' "Allah is swifter in devising 'punishment'. Surely Our messenger-angels record whatever you devise."

384 i.e., they split into believers and disbelievers.

385 That He will delay their judgment until the Hereafter.

386 The pagans of Mecca were not satisfied with the literary miracle of the Quran, so they demanded a tangible miracle such as the staff of Moses.

*Metaphor for Human Ingratitude*

22. He is the One Who enables you to travel through land and sea. And it so happens that you are on ships, sailing with a favourable wind, to the passengers' delight. Suddenly, the ships are overcome by a gale wind and those on board are overwhelmed by waves from every side, and they assume they are doomed. They cry out to Allah 'alone' in sincere devotion, "If You save us from this, we will certainly be grateful." 23. But as soon as He rescues them, they transgress in the land unjustly. O humanity! Your transgression is only against your own souls. "There is only" brief enjoyment in this worldly life, then to Us is your return, and then We will inform you of what you used to do.

*This Fleeting Life*

24. The life of this world is just like rain We send down from the sky, producing a mixture of plants which humans and animals consume. Then just as the earth looks its best, perfectly beautified, and its people think they have full control over it, there comes to it Our command by night or by day, so We mow it down as if it never flourished yesterday!

الْفَلَكَ ۖ وَجَرَيْنَ بِهِمْ بِرِيحٍ طَيِّبَةٍ وَفَرِحُوا بِهَا  
جَاءَتْهَا رِيحٌ عَاصِفٌ وَجَاءَهُمُ الْمَوْجُ مِنْ كُلِّ  
مَكَانٍ وَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُمْ أُحِيطَ بِهِمْ ۖ دَعَوُا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ  
لَهُ الدِّينَ ۚ لَئِنْ أَنْجَيْتَنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ  
الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾ فَلَمَّا أَجَّاهُمْ إِذَا هُمْ يَبْغُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ ۚ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا بَعَثْنَا فِي نَفْسِكُمْ  
مَتَاعَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ۖ ثُمَّ إِلَيْنَا مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَنُنَبِّئُكُمْ  
بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ إِنَّمَا مَثَلُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا  
كَمَاءٍ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ فَاخْتَلَطَ بِهِ نَبَاتُ  
الْأَرْضِ مِمَّا يَأْكُلُ النَّاسُ وَالْأَنْعَامُ ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا  
أَخَذَتِ الْأَرْضُ زُخْرُفَهَا وَازَّيَّنَتْ وَظَنَّ أَهْلُهَا  
أَنَّهُمْ قَادِرُونَ عَلَيْهَا ۖ أَتَاهَا أَمْرُنَا لَيْلًا أَوْ نَهَارًا  
فَجَعَلْنَاهَا حَصِيدًا كَأَنْ لَّمْ تَغْنَ بِالْأَمْسِ ۚ كَذَلِكَ

نُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُو إِلَىٰ

دَارِ السَّلَامِ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٢٤﴾

لِلَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا الْحُسْنَىٰ وَزِيَادَةٌ ۖ وَلَا يَرْهَقُ وُجُوهَهُمْ

قَتَرٌ وَلَا ذَلَّةٌ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا

خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ وَالَّذِينَ كَسَبُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ جَزَاءُ سَيِّئَةٍ

بِمِثْلِهَا ۖ وَتَرْهَقُهُمْ ذِلَّةٌ ۚ مَا لَهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ عَاصِمٍ

كَأَنَّمَا أُغْشِيَتْ وُجُوهُهُمْ قِطْعًا مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ مُظْلِمًا ۖ

أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَيَوْمَ

نَحْشُرُهُمْ جَمِيعًا ثُمَّ نَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا

مَكَانَكُمْ أَنْتُمْ وَشُرَكَاؤُكُمْ ۖ فَزَيَّلْنَا بَيْنَهُمْ وَقَالَ

شُرَكَاؤُهُمْ مَا كُنْتُمْ إِيَّانَا تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ فَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ

شَهِيدًا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ إِنْ كُنَّا عَنْ عِبَادَتِكُمْ

لَغَافِلِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾ هُنَالِكَ تَبْلُغُوا كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا أَسْلَفَتْ

This is how We make the signs clear for people who reflect.

#### Invitation to Paradise

25. And Allah invites 'all' to the Home of Peace and guides whoever He wills to the Straight Path. 26. Those who do good will have the finest reward<sup>387</sup> and 'even' more.<sup>388</sup> Neither gloom nor disgrace will cover their faces. It is they who will be the residents of Paradise. They will be there forever.

#### Warning Against Hell

27. As for those who commit evil, the reward of an evil deed is its equivalent. Humiliation will cover them—with no one to protect them from Allah—as if their faces were covered with patches of the night's deep darkness. It is they who will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever.

#### False Allahs and Their Followers

28. 'Consider' the Day We will gather them all together then say to those who associated others 'with Allah in worship', "Stay in your places—you and your associate-gods." We will separate them from each other, and their associate-gods will say, "It was not us that you worshipped! 29. Allah is sufficient as a Witness between each of us that we were totally unaware of your worship." 30. Then and there every soul will face 'the consequences of' what it had done.

They all will be returned to Allah—their True Master. And whatever 'gods' they fabricated will fail them.

### Questions to Pagans: 1) Who Provides?

31. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Who provides for you from heaven and earth? Who owns 'your' hearing and sight? Who brings forth the living from the dead and the dead from the living? And who conducts every affair?" They will 'surely' say, "Allah." Say, "Will you not then fear 'Him'?" 32. That is Allah—your True Lord. So what is beyond the truth except falsehood? How can you then be turned away?" 33. And so your Lord's decree has been proven true against the rebellious—that they will never believe.

### 2) Who Creates?

34. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Can any of your associate-gods originate creation and then resurrect it?" Say, "'Only' Allah originates creation and then resurrects it. How can you then be deluded 'from the truth'?"

### 3) Who Guides?

35. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Can any of your associate-gods guide to the truth?" Say, "'Only' Allah guides to the truth." Who then is more worthy to be followed: the One Who guides to the truth or those who cannot find the way unless guided?

وَرُدُّوْا إِلَى اللَّهِ مَوْلَهُمُ الْحَقُّ وَضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا  
كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ قُلْ مَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ أَمَّنْ يَمْلِكُ السَّبْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَمَنْ  
يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ  
الْحَيِّ وَمَنْ يُدِيرُ الْأَمْرَ ۚ فَسَيَقُولُونَ اللَّهُ ۚ فَقُلْ  
أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ قَدْ لَكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمُ الْحَقُّ ۚ فَمَاذَا بَعْدَ  
الْحَقِّ إِلَّا الضَّلَالُ ۚ فَإِنِّي تُصْرَفُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ كَذَلِكَ حَقَّتْ  
كَلِمَتُ رَبِّكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ فَسَقُوا أَنَّهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾  
قُلْ هَلْ مِنْ شُرَكَائِكُمْ مَنْ يَبْدُوا الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ  
يُعِيدُهُ ۚ قُلِ اللَّهُ يَبْدُوا الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ فَإِنِّي  
تَوَفَّكُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ قُلْ هَلْ مِنْ شُرَكَائِكُمْ مَنْ يَهْدِي إِلَى  
الْحَقِّ ۚ قُلِ اللَّهُ يَهْدِي لِلْحَقِّ ۚ أَفَمَنْ يَهْدِي إِلَى  
الْحَقِّ أَحَقُّ أَنْ يُتَّبَعَ أَمَّنْ لَا يَهْدِي إِلَّا أَنْ يُهْدَى ۚ

فَمَا لَكُمْ

مَنْزِلَ ٣

فَمَا لَكُمْ كَيْفَ تَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَمَا يَتَّبِعُ أَكْثَرُهُمْ إِلَّا  
ظُلْمًا إِنَّ الظَّنَّ لَا يُغْنِي مِنَ الْحَقِّ شَيْئًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
عَلِيمٌ بِمَا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَمَا كَانَ هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ أَنْ  
يُفْتَرَى مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنْ تَصْدِيقَ الَّذِي بَيْنَ  
يَدَيْهِ وَتَفْصِيلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ مِنْ رَبِّ  
الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾ أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ ۚ قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ  
مِثْلِهِ وَادْعُوا مَنِ اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ  
كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾ بَلْ كَذَّبُوا بِمَا لَمْ يُحِيطُوا بِعَلَمِهِ  
وَلَمَّا يَأْتِهِمْ تَأْوِيلُهُ ۚ كَذَلِكَ كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ  
قَبْلِهِمْ فَانْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾  
وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ ۖ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَا يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ ۚ  
وَرَبُّكَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾ وَإِنْ كَذَّبُوكَ فَقُلْ  
لِيُعْمَلِ وَلَكُمْ عَمَلُكُمْ ۖ أَنْتُمْ بَرِيئُونَ مِمَّا أَعْمَلُ

What is the matter with you? How do you judge? 36. Most of them follow nothing but 'inherited' assumptions. 'And' surely assumptions can in no way replace the truth. Allah is indeed All-Knowing of what they do.

#### *The Challenge of the Quran*

37. It is not 'possible' for this Quran to have been produced by anyone other than Allah. In fact, it is a confirmation of what came before, and an explanation of the Scripture. It is, without a doubt, from the Lord of all worlds. 38. Or do they claim, "He<sup>389</sup> made it up!"? Tell them 'O Prophet', "Produce one sūrah like it then, and seek help from whoever you can—other than Allah—if what you say is true!" 39. In fact, they 'hastily' rejected the Book without comprehending it and before the fulfilment of its warnings. Similarly, those before them were in denial. See then what was the end of the wrongdoers!

#### *It Is Allah Who Guides*

40. Some of them will 'eventually' believe in it; others will not. And your Lord knows best the corruptors.

41. If they deny you, then say, "My deeds are mine and your deeds are yours."

You are free of what I do and I am free of what you do!" 42. Some of them listen to what you say, but can you make the deaf hear even though they do not understand? 43. And some of them look at you, but can you guide the blind even though they cannot see?<sup>390</sup> 44. Indeed, Allah does not wrong people in the least, but it is people who wrong themselves.

#### Short Life

45. On the Day He will gather them, it will be as if they had not stayed 'in the world' except for an hour of a day,<sup>391</sup> 'as though they were only' getting to know one another. Lost indeed will be those who denied the meeting with Allah, and were not 'rightly' guided!

#### Warning Before Judgment

46. Whether We show you 'O Prophet' some of what We threaten them with, or cause you to die 'before that', to Us is their return and Allah is a Witness over what they do. 47. And for every community there is a messenger. After their messenger has come,<sup>392</sup> judgment is passed on them in all fairness, and they are not wronged.

#### When the Time Comes ...

48. They ask 'the believers', "When will this threat come to pass if what you say is true?" 49. Say, 'O Prophet,

وَأَنَا بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَسْتَمِعُونَ  
إِلَيْكَ ۖ أَفَأَنْتَ تَسْمِعُ الصَّمَّ وَلَوْ كَانُوا لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾  
وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَنْظُرُ إِلَيْكَ ۖ أَفَأَنْتَ تَهْدِي الْعُمْى  
وَلَوْ كَانُوا لَا يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَظْلِمُ النَّاسَ  
شَيْئًا وَلَكِنَّ النَّاسَ أَنْفُسُهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَيَوْمَ  
يَحْشُرُهُمْ كَأَن لَّمْ يَلْبَثُوا إِلَّا سَاعَةً مِّنَ النَّهَارِ  
يَتَعَارَفُونَ بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ قَدْ خَسِرَ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِلِقَاءِ  
اللَّهِ وَمَا كَانُوا مُهْتَدِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَإِنَّمَا تُرِيدُكَ بَعْضُ  
الَّذِينَ نَعَدُهُمْ أَوْ تُتَوَفَّيْنَكَ ۖ فَالْيَنَّا مَرْجِعُهُمْ ثُمَّ  
اللَّهُ شَهِيدٌ عَلَىٰ مَا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ  
رَّسُولٌ ۖ فَإِذَا جَاءَ رَسُولُهُمْ قُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِالْقِسْطِ  
وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَىٰ هَذَا الْوَعْدُ  
إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ قُلْ لَا أَمْلِكُ لِنَفْسِي ضَرًّا

وَلَا نَفْعًا

مَنْزِلٌ ٣

390 This refers metaphorically to the pagans who fail to see and hear the truth.

391 i.e., only for a short period of time.

392 Either in this life to deliver the message or on the Day of Judgment to testify for or against them.



وَلَا نَفْعًا إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ أَجَلٌ ۖ إِذَا جَاءَ

أَجَلُهُمْ فَلَا يَسْتَأْخِرُونَ سَاعَةً ۖ وَلَا يَسْتَقْدِمُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَتَاكُمْ عَذَابُهُ بَيَاتًا أَوْ نَهَارًا مَّا

ذَٰلِكُمْ يَسْتَعْجِلُ مِنْهُ الْبُجْرَمُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ أَشْمَ إِذَا مَا وَقَعَ

أَمْنْتُمْ بِهِ ۖ أَلَا أَنْتُمْ قَدْ كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تَسْتَعْجِلُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

ثُمَّ قِيلَ لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ذُوقُوا عَذَابَ الْخُلْدِ ۖ هَلْ

تُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَيَسْتَنْبِئُونَكَ

أَحَقُّ هُوَ ۖ قُلْ إِيَّيَّ وَرَبِّي إِنَّهُ لَحَقٌّ ۖ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ

بِمُعْجِزِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَلَوْ أَنَّ لِكُلِّ نَفْسٍ ظَلَمَتْ مَا فِي

الْأَرْضِ لَا فُتْدَتْ بِهِ ۖ وَأَسْرُوا السَّدَامَةَ لَمَّا

رَأَوْا الْعَذَابَ ۖ وَقُضِيَ بَيْنَهُم بِالْقِسْطِ وَهُمْ لَا

يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ أَلَا إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ

أَلَا إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ ۖ وَلَٰكِنْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا

"I have no power to benefit or protect myself, except by the Will of Allah." For each community there is an appointed term. When their time arrives, they cannot delay it for a moment, nor could they advance it.

#### Allah's Torment

50. Tell them 'O Prophet', "Imagine if His torment were to overcome you by night or day—do the wicked realize what they are 'really' asking Him to hasten? 51. Will you believe in it only after it has overtaken you? Now? But you always wanted to hasten it!" 52. Then the wrongdoers will be told, "Taste the torment of eternity! Are you not rewarded except for what you used to commit?"

#### Allah's Promise

53. They ask you 'O Prophet', "Is this true?" Say, "Yes, by my Lord! Most certainly it is true! And you will have no escape." 54. If every wrongdoer were to possess everything in the world, they would surely ransom themselves with it. They will hide 'their' remorse when they see the torment. And they will be judged in all fairness, and none will be wronged. 55. Surely to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. Surely Allah's promise is 'always' true,

وَلَا يَسْتَعْجِلُ مِنْهُ اللَّهُ ۖ تَزِيدُ الْوَيْلَ لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ۖ

but most of them do not know. 56. He 'is the One Who' gives life and causes death, and to Him you will 'all' be returned.

### *Excellence of the Quran*

57. O humanity! Indeed, there has come to you a warning from your Lord, a cure for what is in the hearts, a guide, and a mercy for the believers. 58. Say, 'O Prophet,' "In Allah's grace and mercy let them rejoice. That is far better than whatever 'wealth' they amass."

### *Allah's Provisions*

59. Ask 'the pagans, O Prophet', "Have you seen that which Allah has sent down for you as a provision, of which you have made some lawful and some unlawful?"<sup>393</sup> Say, "Has Allah given you authorization, or are you fabricating lies against Allah?" 60. What do those who fabricate lies against Allah expect on Judgment Day? Surely Allah is ever Bountiful to humanity,<sup>394</sup> but most of them are ungrateful.

### *Allah's Knowledge*

61. There is no activity you may be engaged in 'O Prophet' or portion of the Quran you may be reciting, nor any deed you 'all' may be doing except that We are a Witness over you while doing it.

يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ هُوَ يَحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ  
وَشِفَاءٌ لِّمَا فِي الصُّدُورِ ۖ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ  
لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾ قُلْ بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَبِرَحْمَتِهِ فَبِذَلِكَ  
فَلْيَفْرَحُوا ۖ هُوَ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾ قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ  
مَّا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ مِّن رِّزْقٍ فَجَعَلْتُمْ مِّنْهُ  
حَرَامًا وَحَلَالًا ۖ قُلْ أَلِلَّهُ أَذِنَ لَكُمْ أَمْ عَلَى  
اللَّهِ تَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾ وَمَا ظَنُّ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَرُونَ  
عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَدُوٌّ  
فَضْلٍ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾  
وَمَا تَكُونُ فِي شَأْنٍ وَمَا تَتْلُوا مِنْهُ مِنْ  
قُرْآنٍ وَلَا تَعْمَلُونَ مِنْ عَمَلٍ إِلَّا كُنَّا عَلَيْكُمْ  
شُهُودًا إِذْ تُفِيضُونَ فِيهِ ۖ وَمَا يَعْزُبُ عَنَّا

رَبِّكَ مِنْ

مَنْزِلٍ ۚ

393 This refers to 6:138-139.

394 By delaying their punishment and allowing them time to repent.

رَّبِّكَ مِنْ مِّثْقَالِ ذَرَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي  
السَّمَاءِ وَلَا أَصْغَرَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْبَرَ إِلَّا  
فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٩١﴾ إِلَّا إِنْ أَوْلِيَآءُ اللَّهِ لَا  
خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٩٢﴾ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾ لَهُمُ الْبُشْرَىٰ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا  
وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ ۚ لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ ۚ ذَلِكَ  
هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٩٤﴾ وَلَا يَحْزَنكَ قَوْلُهُمْ  
إِنَّ الْعِزَّةَ لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا ۚ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٩٥﴾  
إِلَّا إِنْ لِلَّهِ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ  
وَمَا يَتَّبِعُ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ  
شُرَكَاءَ ۚ إِنْ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَإِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا  
يَخْرُصُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾ هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ اللَّيْلَ  
لِتَسْكُنُوا فِيهِ وَالنَّهَارَ مُبْصَرًا ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ

Not 'even' an atom's weight is hidden from your Lord on earth or in heaven; nor anything smaller or larger than that, but is 'written' in a perfect Record.<sup>395</sup>

#### Allah's Close Servants

62. There will certainly be no fear for the close servants of Allah, nor will they grieve. 63. 'They are' those who are faithful and are mindful 'of Him'. 64. For them is good news in this worldly life and the Hereafter. There is no change in the promise of Allah. That is 'truly' the ultimate triumph.

#### The Almighty

65. Do not let their words grieve you 'O Prophet'. Surely all honour and power belongs to Allah. He is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 66. Certainly to Allah 'alone' belong all those in the heavens and all those on the earth. And what do those who associate others with Allah really follow? They follow nothing but assumptions and do nothing but lie. 67. He is the One Who has made the night for you to rest in and the day bright.

395 The Record refers to the Preserved Tablet (Al-Lawh Al-Mahfûz) in which Allah has written the destiny of His entire creation.

Surely in this are signs for people who listen.

### Allah Has No Children

68. They<sup>396</sup> say, "Allah has offspring." <sup>397</sup>Glory be to Him! He is the Self-Sufficient. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. You have no proof of this! Do you say about Allah what you do not know? 69. Say, "O Prophet," "Indeed, those who fabricate lies against Allah will never succeed." 70. "It is only" a brief enjoyment in this world, then to Us is their return, then We will make them taste the severe punishment for their disbelief.

### Noah and His People

71. Relate to them 'O Prophet' the story of Noah when he said to his people, "O my People! If my presence and my reminders to you of Allah's signs are unbearable to you, then 'know that' I have put my trust in Allah. So devise a plot along with your associate-gods—and you do not have to be secretive about your plot—then carry it out against me without delay! 72. And if you turn away, 'remember' I have never demanded a reward from you 'for delivering the message'. My reward is only from Allah. And I have been commanded to be one of those who submit 'to Allah'." 73. But they still rejected him,

لَقَوْمٍ يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾ قَالُوا اتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ وَلَدًا سُبْحَنَهُ  
هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
إِنْ عِنْدَكُمْ مِّنْ سُلْطَانٍ بِهَذَا أَتَقُولُونَ عَلَى  
اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾ قُلْ إِنْ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَرُونَ  
عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكُذِبَ لَا يُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ مَتَاعٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا  
ثُمَّ إِلَيْنَا مَرْجِعُهُمْ ثُمَّ نَذِقُهُمُ الْعَذَابَ الشَّدِيدَ  
بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٧١﴾ وَاتْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ نُوحٍ إِذْ قَالَ  
لِقَوْمِهِ يَاقَوْمِ إِن كَانَ كَبُرَ عَلَيْكُمْ مَّقَامِي  
وَتَذَكِيرِي بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَعَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ فَأَجْمِعُوا  
أَمْرَكُمْ وَشُرَكَاءَكُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَكُنْ أَمْرُكُمْ عَلَيْكُمْ  
غُمَّةً ثُمَّ اقْضُوا إِلَيَّ وَلَا تُنْظِرُونِ ﴿٧٢﴾ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ  
فَمَا سَأَلْتُكُمْ مِّنْ أَجْرٍ إِن أَجْرِي إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ  
وَأُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾ فَكَذَّبُوهُ

396 The Christians, pagans, etc.

397 Jesus in Christianity, the angels in pagan Arab mythology, etc.

فَجَعَلْنَاهُ وَمَنْ مَعَهُ فِي الْفُلِّ وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ خَلِيفَ  
وَأَغْرَقْنَا الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا ۖ فَانْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ  
عَاقِبَةُ الْمُنْذَرِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾ ثُمَّ بَعَثْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ رَسُولًا إِلَى  
قَوْمِهِمْ فَجَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَمَا كَانُوا لِيُؤْمِنُوا بِهَا  
كَذَّبُوا بِهِ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ كَذَلِكَ نَطْبَعُ عَلَى قُلُوبِ  
الْمُعْتَدِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾ ثُمَّ بَعَثْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِم مُوسَى وَهَارُونَ  
إِلَى فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِ بِآيَاتِنَا فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا وَكَانُوا  
قَوْمًا مُّجْرِمِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ عِنْدِنَا  
قَالُوا إِنَّ هَذَا لَسِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٥٠﴾ قَالَ مُوسَى  
اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لِلْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَكُمْ ۖ أَسِحْرٌ هَذَا وَلَا يُفْلِحُ  
السَّحَرُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ قَالُوا أَجِئْتَنَا لِنَلْفِتْنَا عَمَّا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ  
آبَاءَنَا وَتَكُونَ لَكُمَا الْكِبْرِيَاءُ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَمَا  
نَحْنُ لَكُمَا بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾ وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ ائْتُونِي

so We saved him and those with him in the Ark and made them successors, and drowned those who rejected Our signs. See then what was the end of those who had been warned!

#### Messengers After Noah

74. Then after him We sent 'other' messengers to their 'own' people and they came to them with clear proofs. But they would not believe in what they had rejected before. This is how We seal the hearts of the transgressors.

#### Moses and Aaron

75. Then after these 'messengers' We sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh and his chiefs with Our signs. But they behaved arrogantly and were a wicked people. 76. When the truth came to them from Us, they said, "This is certainly pure magic!" 77. Moses responded, "Is this what you say about the truth when it has come to you? Is this magic? Magicians will never succeed." 78. They argued, "Have you come to turn us away from the faith of our forefathers so that the two of you may become supreme in the land? We will never believe in you!" 79. Pharaoh demanded,

“Bring me every skilled magician.”

80. When the magicians came, Moses said to them, “Cast whatever you wish to cast!” 81. When they did, Moses said, “What you have produced is mere magic, Allah will surely make it useless, for Allah certainly does not set right the work of the corruptors. 82. And Allah establishes the truth by His Words—even to the dismay of the wicked.”

#### A Few Believers

83. But no one believed in Moses except a few youths of his people, while fearing that Pharaoh and their own chiefs might persecute them. And certainly Pharaoh was a tyrant in the land, and he was truly a transgressor. 84. Moses said, “O my people! If you do believe in Allah and submit ‘to His Will’, then put your trust in Him.” 85. They replied, “In Allah we trust. Our Lord! Do not subject us to the persecution of the oppressive people, 86. and deliver us by Your mercy from the disbelieving people.”

#### Power of Prayer

87. We revealed to Moses and his brother, “Appoint houses for your people in Egypt.

بِكُلِّ سَاحِرٍ عَلِيمٍ ﴿٨٠﴾ فَلَمَّا جَاءَ السَّحَرَةُ قَالَ لَهُمْ  
مُوسَى الْقُوا مَا أَنْتُمْ مُلْقُونَ ﴿٨١﴾ فَلَمَّا أَلْقَوْا  
قَالَ مُوسَى مَا جِئْتُمْ بِهِ السِّحْرُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
سَيَبْطِلُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُصْلِحُ عَمَلَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٨٢﴾  
وَيُحَقِّقُ اللَّهُ الْحَقَّ بِكَلِمَاتِهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُجْرِمُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾  
فَمَا آمَنَ لِمُوسَى إِلَّا ذُرِّيَّةٌ مِّنْ قَوْمِهِ عَلَى خَوْفٍ  
مِّنْ فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِمْ أَن يَفْتِنَهُمْ ۖ وَإِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ  
لَعَالٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَإِنَّهُ لَمِنَ الْمُسْرِفِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾ وَقَالَ  
مُوسَى يَقَوْمِ إِن كُنْتُمْ آمَنْتُمْ بِاللَّهِ فَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلُوا  
إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾ فَقَالُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا ۖ  
رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا فِتْنَةً لِّلْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾ وَنَجِّنَا  
بِرَحْمَتِكَ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾ وَأَوْحَيْنَا  
إِلَى مُوسَى وَأَخِيهِ أَن تَبَوَّآ لِقَوْمِكُمَا بِمِصْرَ

بُيُوتًا وَاجْعَلُوا بُيُوتَكُمْ قِبْلَةً وَأَقِيمُوا

الصَّلَاةَ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨٨﴾ وَقَالَ مُوسَى رَبَّنَا

إِنَّكَ أَتَيْتَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَآئِهِ زِينَةً وَأَمْوَالًا فِي

الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا رَبَّنَا لِيُضِلُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِكَ

رَبَّنَا اطْمِسْ عَلَى أَمْوَالِهِمْ وَاشْدُدْ عَلَى

قُلُوبِهِمْ فَلَا يُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّى يَرَوْا الْعَذَابَ الْأَلِيمَ ﴿٨٩﴾

قَالَ قَدْ أُجِيبَتْ دَعْوَتُكُمْ فَأَسْتَقِيمَا وَلَا

تَتَّبِعَنَّ سَبِيلَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾ وَجَوَرْنَا

بِبَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ الْبَحْرَ فَاتَّبَعَهُمْ فِرْعَوْنُ

وَجُنُودُهُ بَغْيًا وَعَدُوًّا حَتَّى إِذَا أَدْرَكَهُ الْغَرَقُ

قَالَ آمَنْتُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا الَّذِي آمَنْتُ بِهِ

بَنُؤَا إِسْرَءِيلَ وَأَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٩١﴾ أَلَمْ تَكُنْ

وَقَدْ عَصَيْتَ قَبْلُ وَكُنْتَ مِنَ الْفَاسِدِينَ ﴿٩٢﴾

قَالَ يَوْمَ نُنَجِّيكَ

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Turn these houses into places of worship, establish prayer, and give good news to the believers!" 88. Moses prayed, "Our Lord! You have granted Pharaoh and his chiefs luxuries and riches in this worldly life, 'which they abused' to lead people astray from Your Way! Our Lord, destroy their riches and harden their hearts so that they will not believe until they see the painful punishment." 89. Allah responded to Moses and Aaron, 398 "Your prayer is answered! So be steadfast and do not follow the way of those who do not know."

#### End of Pharaoh

90. We brought the Children of Israel across the sea. Then Pharaoh and his soldiers pursued them unjustly and oppressively. But as Pharaoh was drowning, he cried out, "I believe that there is no god except that in whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am 'now' one of those who submit." 91. 'He was told,' "Now 'you believe'? But you always disobeyed and were one of the corruptors.

92. Today We will preserve your corpse so that you may become an example<sup>399</sup> for those who come after you. And surely most people are heedless of Our examples!”

#### Allah's Grace to the Israelites

93. Indeed, We settled the Children of Israel in a blessed land,<sup>400</sup> and granted them good, lawful provisions. They did not differ until knowledge came to them.<sup>401</sup> Surely your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Judgment regarding their differences.

#### Confirming the Truth

94. If you 'O Prophet' are in doubt about 'these stories' that We have revealed to you, then ask those who read the Scripture before you. The truth has certainly come to you from your Lord, so do not be one of those who doubt, 95. and do not be one of those who deny Allah's signs or you will be one of the losers.<sup>402</sup>

#### Jonah's People Spared from Torment

96. Indeed, those against whom Allah's decree 'of torment' is justified will not believe— 97. even if every sign were to come to them—until they see the painful punishment. 98. If only there had been a society

فَالْيَوْمَ نُنَجِّيكَ بِبَدَنِكَ لِتَكُونَ لِمَنْ خَلَقَكَ  
آيَةً ۖ وَإِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ النَّاسِ عَنْ آيَاتِنَا  
لَغَفْلُونَ ﴿٩٢﴾ وَلَقَدْ بَوَّأْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ مَبْوَأَ  
صَدَقٍ وَرَزَقْنَهُم مِّنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ ۖ فَمَا اخْتَلَفُوا  
حَتَّىٰ جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ ۖ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَقْضِي بَيْنَهُمْ  
يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾ فَإِنْ  
كُنْتَ فِي شَكٍّ مِّمَّا أَنزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ فَسْأَلِ الَّذِينَ  
يَقْرَأُونَ الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ ۖ لَقَدْ جَاءَكَ  
الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُ مِّنَ الْمُبْتَرِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾  
وَلَا تَكُ مِّنَ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ  
فَتَكُونُوا مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٩٥﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ حَقَّتْ  
عَلَيْهِمْ كَلِمَتُ رَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾ وَلَوْ جَاءَتْهُمْ  
كُلُّ آيَةٍ حَتَّىٰ يَرَوْا الْعَذَابَ الْأَلِيمَ ﴿٩٧﴾ فَلَوْلَا

كَانَتْ قَرْيَةً

مَنْزِلٌ

399 lit., sign.

400 In Egypt, Jerusalem, and other places.

401 They did not split into believers and disbelievers until they received the knowledge given to their prophets.

402 When these verses were revealed, the Prophet (ﷺ) responded, "I am not in doubt and I will not ask 'anyone'."



كَانَتْ قَرْيَةٌ آمَنَتْ فَنَفَعَهَا إِيمَانُهَا إِلَّا قَوْمَ

يُونُسَ ٩٨ لَمَّا آمَنُوا كَشَفْنَا عَنْهُمْ عَذَابَ الْخِزْيِ

فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَمَتَّعْنَاهُمْ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ ٩٩ وَلَوْ

شَاءَ رَبُّكَ لَأَمَنَّ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كُلَّهُمْ جَمِيعًا ١٠٠

أَفَأَنْتَ تُكْرِهُ النَّاسَ حَتَّىٰ يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ ١٠١

وَمَا كَانَ لِنَفْسٍ أَنْ تُوْمِنَ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ١٠٢

وَيَجْعَلُ الرَّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ١٠٣

قُلْ أَنْظِرُوا مَاذَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ١٠٤ وَمَا

تُغْنِي الْآيَاتُ وَالنُّذُرُ عَنْ قَوْمٍ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ١٠٥

فَهَلْ يَنْتَظِرُونَ إِلَّا مِثْلَ أَيَّامِ الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا

مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ١٠٦ قُلْ فَانْتَظِرُوا إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ مِّنْ

الْمُنْتَظِرِينَ ١٠٧ ثُمَّ نُنَجِّي رُسُلَنَا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كَذٰلِكَ ١٠٨

حَقًّا عَلَيْنَا نُنَجِّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ١٠٩ قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِن

كُنْتُمْ فِي شَكٍّ

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which believed 'before seeing the torment' and, therefore, benefited from its belief, like the people of Jonah.<sup>403</sup> When they believed, We lifted from them the torment of disgrace in this world and allowed them enjoyment for a while.<sup>404</sup>

#### Conviction, Not Compulsion

99. Had your Lord so willed 'O Prophet', all 'people' on earth would have certainly believed, every single one of them! Would you then force people to become believers? 100. It is not for any soul to believe except by Allah's leave, and He will bring His wrath upon those who are unmindful.

#### Invitation to Think

101. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Consider all that is in the heavens and the earth!" Yet neither signs nor warners are of any benefit to those who refuse to believe. 102. Are they waiting for 'anything' except the same torments that befell those before them? Say, "Keep waiting then! I too am waiting with you." 103. Then We saved Our messengers and those who believed. For it is Our duty to save the believers.

#### True Faith

104. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O humanity! If you are in doubt of my faith,

403 Initially, the people of Jonah rejected his message. When he was told they would be punished after three days for their defiance, he left his city without Allah's permission before its destruction. Jonah's people became convinced that they were going to be destroyed when he left them and they saw signs of the imminent torment, so they felt remorseful and cried out for forgiveness before the coming of the punishment. Therefore, Allah accepted their repentance and the torment was retracted.

404 i.e.. until the end of their term.

then 'know that' I do not worship those 'idols' you worship instead of Allah. But I worship Allah, Who has the power to cause your death. And I have been commanded, 'Be one of the believers,' 105. and, 'Be steadfast in faith in all uprightness, and do not be one of the polytheists,' 106. and 'Do not invoke, instead of Allah, what can neither benefit nor harm you—for if you do, then you will certainly be one of the wrongdoers,' 107. and 'If Allah touches you with harm, none can undo it except Him. And if He intends good for you, none can withhold His bounty. He grants it to whoever He wills of His servants. And He is the All-For-giving, Most Merciful.'"

#### Call to Humanity

108. Say, "O Prophet," "O humanity! The truth has surely come to you from your Lord. So whoever chooses to be guided, it is only for their own good. And whoever chooses to stray, it is only to their own loss. And I am not a keeper over you."

#### Advice to the Prophet

109. And follow what is revealed to you,

كُنْتُمْ فِي شَكٍّ مِّنْ دِينِي فَلَا أَعْبُدُ الَّذِينَ  
تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنْ أَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي  
يَتَوَفَّكُمُ ۖ وَأُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝  
وَأَنْ أَقِمَّ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا ۖ وَلَا تَكُونَنَّ  
مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ۝ وَلَا تَدْعُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا  
لَا يَنْفَعُكَ وَلَا يَضُرُّكَ ۖ فَإِنْ فَعَلْتَ فَإِنَّكَ إِذَا  
مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ۝ وَإِنْ يَمْسَسْكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا  
كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ وَإِنْ يُرِدْكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَلَا رَادَّ  
لِفَضْلِهِ ۖ يُصِيبُ بِمَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ  
الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ۝ قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ  
الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ ۖ فَمَنِ اهْتَدَىٰ فَإِنَّمَا يَهْتَدِي  
لِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ ضَلَّٰ فَإِنَّمَا يَضِلُّ عَلَيْهِ ۖ وَمَا  
أَنَا عَلَيْكُمْ بِوَكِيلٍ ۝ وَاتَّبِعْ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ

وَاصْبِرْ حَتَّى يَحْكُمَ اللَّهُ ۖ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الْحَاكِمِينَ ۝

الْأَنبَاءُ ١٣٣ (١١) سُورَةُ الْهُودِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٥٢) رُكُوعَاتُهَا ١٠

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝

الرَّفِيقِ ۖ كَتَبَ أَحْكَمَ آيَةً ثُمَّ فُصِّلَتْ مِنْ لَدُنْ

حَكِيمٍ خَيْرٍ ۝ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا اللَّهَ ۖ إِنِّي لَكُمْ

مِّنْهُ نَذِيرٌ وَبَشِيرٌ ۝ وَإِنْ أَسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ ثُمَّ

تُوبُوا إِلَيْهِ يُمَتِّعْكُمْ مَّتَاعًا حَسَنًا إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ

مُّسَمًّى وَيُؤْتِ كُلَّ ذِي فَضْلٍ فَضْلَهُ ۖ وَإِنْ

تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ كَبِيرٍ ۝

إِلَى اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ ۖ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝

أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ يَنْتُونُ صُدُورَهُمْ لِيَسْتَخْفُوا مِنْهُ ۖ أَلَا

حِينَ يَسْتَغْشُونَ ثِيَابَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُ مَا يُسِرُّونَ

وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ ۚ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ۝

and be patient until Allah passes His judgment. For He is the Best of Judges.



### 11. Hūd (Hūd)

In the Name of Allah—

the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Message of the Quran

1. *Alif-Lām-Ra*. "This is" a Book whose verses are well perfected and then fully explained. "It is" from the One "Who is" All-Wise, All-Aware.
2. "Tell them, O Prophet," "Worship none but Allah. Surely I am a warner and deliverer of good news to you from Him. 3. And seek your Lord's forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance. He will grant you a good provision for an appointed term and graciously reward the doers of good. But if you turn away, then I truly fear for you the torment of a formidable Day. 4. To Allah is your return. And He is Most Capable of everything."

#### Hiding Disbelief

5. Indeed, they<sup>405</sup> enfold "what is in" their hearts, "trying" to hide it from Him! But even when they cover themselves with their clothes, He knows what they conceal and what they reveal. Surely He knows best what is "hidden" in the heart.

## Allah's Might

6. There is no moving creature on earth whose provision is not guaranteed by Allah. And He knows where it lives and where it is laid to rest. All is 'written' in a perfect Record.<sup>406</sup> 7. He is the One Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days<sup>407</sup>—and His Throne was upon the waters—in order to test which of you is best in deeds. And if you 'O Prophet' say, "Surely you will 'all' be raised up after death," the disbelievers will certainly say, "That is nothing but pure magic!" 8. And if We delay their punishment until an appointed time, they will definitely say, "What is holding it back?" Indeed, on the Day it overtakes them, it will not be averted from them, and they will be overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule.

## Adversity and Prosperity

9. If We give people a taste of Our mercy then take it away from them, they become utterly desperate, ungrateful. 10. But if We give them a taste of prosperity after being touched with adversity, they say, "My ills are gone," and become totally prideful and boastful, 11. except those who patiently endure

وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ رِزْقُهَا وَيَعْلَمُ  
مُسْتَقَرَّهَا وَمُسْتَوْدَعَهَا ۖ كُلٌّ فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٦﴾  
وَهُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ  
أَيَّامٍ وَكَانَ عَرْشُهُ عَلَى الْمَاءِ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ  
أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا ۖ وَلَئِنْ قُلْتِ إِنَّكُمْ مَبْعُوثُونَ مِنْ  
بَعْدِ الْمَوْتِ لَيَقُولَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنْ هَذَا  
إِلَّا سِحْرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٧﴾ وَلَئِنْ أَخَّرْنَا عَنْهُمْ الْعَذَابَ إِلَى  
أُمَّةٍ مَّعْدُودَةٍ لَيَقُولَنَّ مَا يَحِيسُهُ ۖ إِلَّا يَوْمَ  
يَأْتِيهِمْ لَيْسَ مَصْرُوفًا عَنْهُمْ وَحَاقَ بِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا  
بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٨﴾ وَلَئِنْ أَذَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنَّا رَحْمَةً  
ثُمَّ نَرَعْنَاهَا مِنْهُ ۖ إِنَّهُ لَكَفُورٌ كَفُورٌ ﴿٩﴾ وَلَئِنْ  
أَذَقْنَاهُ نِعْمَاءَ بَعْدَ ضَرَاءٍ مَسَتْهُ لَيَقُولَنَّ ذَهَبَ  
السَّيِّئَاتِ عَنِّي ۖ إِنَّهُ لَفَرِحٌ فَخُورٌ ﴿١٠﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ

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406 See footnote for 10:61.

407 See footnote for 7:54.

and do good. It is they who will have forgiveness and a mighty reward.

### Pagan Annoyances

12. Perhaps you 'O Prophet' may wish to give up some of what is revealed to you and may be distressed by it because they say, "If only a treasure had been sent down to him, or an angel had come with him!" You are only a warner, and Allah is the Trustee of All Affairs.

### Challenging the Pagans

13. Or do they say, "He<sup>408</sup> has fabricated this 'Quran'!"? Say, 'O Prophet,' "Produce ten fabricated sūrahs like it and seek help from whoever you can—other than Allah—if what you say is true!" 14. But if your helpers fail you, then know that it has been revealed with the knowledge of Allah, and that there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him! Will you 'not' then submit 'to Allah'?

### Fleeting Gain

15. Whoever desires 'only' this worldly life and its luxuries, We will pay them in full for their deeds in this life—nothing will be left out. 16. It is they who will have nothing in the Hereafter except the Fire. Their efforts in this life will be fruitless

صَبَرُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ  
وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ ﴿١٢﴾ فَلَعَلَّكَ تَارِكٌ بَعْضَ مَا يُؤْتَىٰ  
إِلَيْكَ وَضَائِقٌ بِهِ صَدْرُكَ أَنْ يَقُولُوا لَوْلَا أُنْزِلَ  
عَلَيْهِ كَنْزٌ أَوْ جَاءَ مَعَهُ مَلَكٌ ۖ إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ نَذِيرٌ  
وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ ﴿١٣﴾ أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ  
قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِعَشْرِ سُوْرٍ مِّثْلِهِ مُفْتَرِيَاتٍ وَادْعُوا  
مَنْ اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١٤﴾  
فَلَمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكُمْ فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا أُنْزِلَ بِعِلْمِ  
اللَّهِ وَأَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٥﴾  
مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا وَزِينَتَهَا نُوَفِّ  
إِلَيْهِمْ أَعْمَالَهُمْ فِيهَا وَهُمْ فِيهَا لَا يُبْخَسُونَ ﴿١٦﴾  
أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا النَّارُ ۖ  
وَحَبِطَ مَا صَنَعُوا فِيهَا وَبِطُلَّ مَا كَانُوا

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and their deeds will be useless.

### Everlasting Gain

17. "Can these people be compared to" those "believers" who stand on clear proof from their Lord, backed by "the Quran as" a witness from Him, and preceded by the Book of Moses "which was revealed" as a guide and mercy? It is those "believers" who have faith in it. But whoever from the "disbelieving" groups rejects it, the Fire will be their destiny. So do not be in doubt of it. It is certainly the truth from your Lord, but most people do not believe.

### The Losers

18. Who does more wrong than those who fabricate lies against Allah? They will be brought before their Lord, and the witnesses<sup>409</sup> will say, "These are the ones who lied against their Lord." Surely Allah's condemnation is upon the wrongdoers, 19. who hinder "others" from Allah's Path, striving to make it "appear" crooked, and disbelieve in the Hereafter. 20. They will never frustrate Allah on earth, and they will have no protector besides Allah. Their punishment will be multiplied,

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يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ أَفَبَنْ كَانَ عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّهِ وَيَتْلُوهُ  
شَاهِدٌ مِّنْهُ وَمِنْ قَبْلِهِ كِتَابُ مُوسَىٰ إِمَامًا وَرَحْمَةً  
أُولَٰئِكَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِهِ مِنَ الْأَحْزَابِ  
فَالنَّارُ مَوْعِدُهُ ۚ فَلَا تَكُ فِي مِرْيَةٍ مِّنْهُ ۚ إِنَّهُ  
الْحَقُّ مِّن رَّبِّكَ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَر النَّاسِ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٨﴾  
وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ  
يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ وَيَقُولُ الْأَشْهَادُ هَٰؤُلَاءِ  
الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا عَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ ۚ أَلَا لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى  
الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٩﴾ الَّذِينَ يَصُدُّونَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ  
وَيَبْغُونَهَا عِوَجًا ۖ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾  
أُولَٰئِكَ لَمْ يَكُونُوا مُعْجِزِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا  
كَانَ لَهُمْ مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَوْلِيَآءٍ ۚ يُضْعَفُ  
لَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ ۖ مَا كَانُوا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ السَّمْعَ وَمَا

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كَانُوا يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ  
 وَضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ لَا جَرَمَ لَهُمْ  
 فِي الْآخِرَةِ هُمْ الْآخْسَرُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
 وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَآخَبَتُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ  
 الْجَنَّةِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ مَثَلُ الْفَرِيقَيْنِ  
 كَالْأَعْمَىٰ وَالْأَصْمَىٰ وَالْبَصِيرِ وَالسَّمِيعِ ۖ هَلْ يَسْتَوِينَ  
 مَثَلًا ۚ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ  
 قَوْمِهِ إِتٰى لَكُمْ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٢٥﴾ أَنْ لَا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا اللَّهَ ۖ  
 إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمِ الْيَمِّ ﴿٢٦﴾ فَقَالَ  
 الْمَلَائِكَةُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ مَا نَرِيكَ إِلَّا  
 بَشَرًا مِثْلَنَا وَمَا نَرِيكَ اتَّبَعَكَ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ هُمْ  
 أَرَادُوا بِآدَائِنَا ۚ وَالرَّأْيَ ۚ وَمَا نَرِي لَكُمْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ  
 فَضْلٍ ۖ بَلْ نُنَظُّكُمْ كَذِبِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾ قَالَ يُقَوْمُ أَرَأَيْتُمْ

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for they failed to hear or see 'the truth'. 21. It is they who have ruined themselves, and whatever 'gods' they fabricated will fail them. 22. Without a doubt, they will be the worst losers in the Hereafter.

#### The Winners

23. Surely those who believe, do good, and humble themselves before their Lord will be the residents of Paradise. They will be there forever.

#### The Disbelievers and the Believers

24. The example of these two parties is that of the blind and the deaf, compared to the seeing and the hearing. Can the two be equal? Will you not then be mindful?

#### Prophet Noah

25. Surely We sent Noah to his people. 'He said,' "Indeed, I am sent to you with a clear warning 26. that you should worship none but Allah. I truly fear for you the torment of a painful Day." 27. The disbelieving chiefs of his people said, "We see you only as a human being like ourselves, and we see that no one follows you except the lowliest among us, who do so 'hastily' without thinking."<sup>410</sup> We do not see anything that makes 'all of' you any better than us. In fact, we think you are liars."

#### Noah's Argument

28. He said, "O my people!

<sup>410</sup> Typically, the poor and the helpless are the first to believe in prophets, taking them as saviours, whereas the rich and powerful are hesitant to believe, perceiving the new faith as a threat to their influence.

Consider if I stand on a clear proof from my Lord and He has blessed me with a mercy from Himself,<sup>411</sup> which you fail to see. Should we 'then' force it on you against your will? 29. O my people! I do not ask you for a payment for this 'message'. My reward is only from Allah. And I will never dismiss the believers, for they will surely meet their Lord. But I can see that you are a people acting ignorantly. 30. O my people! Who would protect me from Allah if I were to dismiss them? Will you not then be mindful? 31. I do not say to you that I possess Allah's treasures or know the unseen, nor do I claim to be an angel, nor do I say that Allah will never grant goodness to those you look down upon. Allah knows best what is 'hidden' within them. 'If I did,' then I would truly be one of the wrongdoers."

#### His People's Response

32. They protested, "O Noah! You have argued with us far too much, so bring upon us what you threaten us with, if what you say is true." 33. He responded, "It is Allah Who can bring it upon you if He wills,

إِنْ كُنْتُ عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّي وَآتَيْنِي رَحْمَةً  
مِّن عِنْدِهِ فَعَمَّيْتُ عَلَيْكُمُ ۖ أَنْزِلُكُمْ مِّمَّهَا وَآتِيكُمْ  
لَهَا كَرِهُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَيَقُولُ لَّا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مَالًا ۖ  
إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ وَمَا أَنَا بِطَارِدِ الَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا ۖ إِنَّهُمْ مُّلْقُوا رَبِّهِمْ وَلَكِنِّي أَرِكُمْ قَوْمًا  
تَجْهَلُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ وَيَقُولُ مَن يَنْصُرُنِي مِنَ اللَّهِ إِنْ  
طَرَدْتَهُمْ ۖ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ وَلَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ عِنْدِي  
خَزَائِنُ اللَّهِ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ الْغَيْبِ وَلَا أَقُولُ إِنِّي  
مَلَكٌ وَلَا أَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ تَزْدَرِي أَعْيُنُكُمْ لَن  
يُؤْتِيَهُمُ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا ۖ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ ۖ  
إِنِّي إِذَا لِّمِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾ قَالُوا يَنْوحُ قَدْ جَدَلْتَنَا  
فَاكْثَرْتَ جِدَالَنَا فَأْتِنَا بِمَا تَعِدُنَا إِنْ كُنْتَ  
مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾ قَالَ إِنَّمَا يَأْتِيكُمْ بِهِ اللَّهُ إِنْ

شَاءَ وَمَا

مُتَوَلِّ



شَاءَ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُعْجِزِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَلَا يَنْفَعُكُمْ نُصْحِي  
 إِنْ أَرَدْتُ أَنْ أَنْصَحَ لَكُمْ إِنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ يُرِيدُ  
 أَنْ يُغْوِيَكُمْ ۖ هُوَ رَبُّكُمْ ۖ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ أَمْ  
 يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ ۖ قُلْ إِنْ افْتَرَيْتُهُ فَعَلَىٰ إِجْرَامِي  
 وَأَنَا بَرِيءٌ مِمَّا تُجْرِمُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ نُوحٍ  
 أَنَّهُ لَنْ يُؤْمِنَ مِنْ قَوْمِكَ إِلَّا مَنْ قَدْ آمَنَ  
 فَلَا تَبْتَئِسْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَاصْنَعِ الْفُلَكَ  
 بِأَعْيُنِنَا ۖ وَوَحَيْنَا وَلَا تَخَاطِبْنِي فِي الَّذِينَ  
 ظَلَمُوا ۖ إِنَّهُمْ مُّغْرَقُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَيَصْنَعِ الْفُلَكَ ۖ وَكَلَّمَا  
 مَرَعَيْهِ ۖ مَلَأَ مِنْ قَوْمِهِ سَخِرُوا مِنْهُ ۖ قَالَ  
 إِنْ تَسْخَرُوا مِنَّا فَإِنَّا نَسْخَرُ مِنْكُمْ كَمَا  
 تَسْخَرُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾ فَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ ۖ مَنْ يَأْتِيهِ عَذَابٌ  
 يُخْزِيهِ وَيَحِلُّ عَلَيْهِ عَذَابٌ مُّقِيمٌ ﴿٣٩﴾ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا

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and then you will have no escape!  
 34. My advice will not benefit you—  
 no matter how hard I try—if Allah  
 wills 'for' you to stray. He is your  
 Lord, and to Him you will 'all' be  
 returned."

#### The Pagans Discredit the Quran

35. Or do they say, "He<sup>412</sup> has fabri-  
 cated this 'Quran'!"? Say, 'O Proph-  
 et,' "If I have done so, then I bear  
 the burden of that sin! But I am free  
 from your sinful accusation."

#### The Ark

36. And it was revealed to Noah,  
 "None of your people will believe  
 except those who already have. So  
 do not be distressed by what they  
 have been doing. 37. And build the  
 Ark under Our 'watchful' Eyes and  
 directions, and do not plead with Me  
 for those who have done wrong, for  
 they will surely be drowned." 38. So  
 he began to build the Ark, and when-  
 ever some of the chiefs of his people  
 passed by, they mocked him. He said,  
 "If you laugh at us, we will 'soon'  
 laugh at you similarly. 39. You will  
 soon come to know who will be vis-  
 ited by a humiliating torment 'in this  
 life' and overwhelmed by an ever-  
 lasting punishment 'in the next'."

#### The Flood

40. And when Our command came

and the oven burst 'with water',<sup>413</sup> We said 'to Noah', "Take into the Ark a pair from every species along with your family—except those against whom the decree 'to drown' has already been passed—and those who believe." But none believed with him except for a few. 41. And he said, "Board it! In the Name of Allah it will sail and cast anchor. Surely my Lord is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

#### Noah's Son

42. And 'so' the Ark sailed with them through waves like mountains. Noah called out to his son, who stood apart, "O my dear son! Come aboard with us and do not be with the disbelievers." 43. He replied, "I will take refuge on a mountain, which will protect me from the water." Noah cried, "Today no one is protected from Allah's decree except those to whom He shows mercy!" And the waves came between them, and his son was among the drowned. 44. And it was said, "O earth! Swallow up your water. And O sky! Withhold 'your rain'." The floodwater receded and the decree was carried out. The Ark rested on Mount Judi, and it was said, "Away with the wrongdoing people!"

#### Noah Pleading for His Son

45. Noah called out to his Lord, saying, "My Lord!

جَاءَ أَمْرُنَا وَفَارَ التَّنُّورُ ۖ قُلْنَا احْمِلْ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجَيْنِ اثْنَيْنِ وَأَهْلَكَ إِلَّا مَنْ سَبَقَ عَلَيْهِ الْقَوْلُ وَمَنْ آمَنَ ۖ وَمَا آمَنَ مَعَهُ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ ﴿٤١﴾ وَقَالَ ارْكَبُوا فِيهَا بِسْمِ اللَّهِ مَجْرِبَهَا وَمُرسَهَا ۖ إِنَّ رَبِّي لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَهِيَ تَجْرِي بِهِمْ فِي مَوْجٍ كَالْجِبَالِ ۖ وَنَادَى نُوحٌ ابْنَهُ وَكَانَ فِي مَعْزِلٍ يُبْنَىٰ اِرْكَبْ مَعَنَا وَلَا تَكُنْ مَعَ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾ قَالَ سَاوِي إِلَىٰ جَبَلٍ يَعْصِمُنِي مِنَ الْمَاءِ ۖ قَالَ لَا عَاصِمَ الْيَوْمَ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا مَنْ رَحِمَ ۖ وَحَالَ بَيْنَهُمَا الْمَوْجُ فَكَانَ مِنَ الْمُغْرَقِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَقِيلَ يَا أَرْضُ ابْلَعِي مَاءَكِ وَيَسْمَاءُ أَقْلَعِي ۚ وَغِيضَ الْمَاءُ وَقُضِيَ الْأَمْرُ وَاسْتَوَتْ عَلَى الْجُودِيِّ وَقِيلَ بُعْدًا لِلْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾ وَنَادَىٰ نُوحٌ رَبَّهُ فَقَالَ رَبِّ إِنَّ ابْنِي

مِنْ أَهْلِي

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413 Noah was given a signal that once the water gushes out of a particular oven then the Flood is about to begin. It can also be translated as: "The fountains of the earth gushed forth."

مِنْ أَهْلِي وَإِنَّ وَعْدَكَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنْتَ أَحْكَمُ  
 الْحَكَمِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾ قَالَ يَنْوُحُ إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ مِنْ أَهْلِكَ ؕ إِنَّهُ  
 عَمَلٌ غَيْرُ صَالِحٍ ۖ فَلَا تَسْأَلْنِ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ ؕ  
 إِنِّي أَعْظُكَ أَنْ تَكُونَ مِنَ الْجَاهِلِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ  
 إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَسْأَلَكَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِهِ عِلْمٌ ؕ  
 وَإِلَّا تَغْفِرْ لِي وَتَرْحَمْنِي أَكُنْ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾  
 قِيلَ يَنْوُحُ أَهْبِطْ بِسَلَامٍ مِنَّا وَبَرَكَاتٍ عَلَيْكَ  
 وَعَلَى أُمَمٍ مِمَّنْ مَعَكَ ؕ وَأَمَّمْ سَنَبِّعُهُمْ ثُمَّ  
 يَمْسُهُمْ مِنَّا عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٤٩﴾ تِلْكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ  
 الْغَيْبِ نُوحِيهَا إِلَيْكَ ؕ مَا كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُهَا أَنْتَ  
 وَلَا قَوْمُكَ مِنْ قَبْلِ هَذَا ؕ فَاصْبِرْ ؕ إِنَّ الْعَاقِبَةَ  
 لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾ وَإِلَى عَادٍ أَخَاهُمْ هُودًا ؕ قَالَ يَقَوْمِ  
 اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ ؕ إِنْ أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا

Certainly my son is 'also' of my family, Your promise is surely true, and You are the most just of all judges!" 46. Allah replied, "O Noah! He is certainly not of your family—he was entirely of unrighteous conduct. So do not ask Me about what you have no knowledge of! I warn you so you do not fall into ignorance." 47. Noah pleaded, "My Lord, I seek refuge in You from asking You about what I have no knowledge of, and unless You forgive me and have mercy on me, I will be one of the losers." 48. It was said, "O Noah! Disembark with Our peace and blessings on you and some of the descendants of those with you. As for the others, We will allow them 'a brief' enjoyment, then they will be touched with a painful punishment from Us."

#### Stories of the Past

49. This is one of the stories of the unseen, which we reveal to you 'O Prophet'. Neither you nor your people knew it before this. So be patient! Surely the ultimate outcome belongs 'only' to the righteous.

#### Prophet Hûd

50. And to the people of 'Âd We sent their brother Hûd. He said, "O my people! Worship Allah. You have no god other than Him.

You do nothing but fabricate lies 'against Allah'. 51. O my people! I do not ask you for any reward for this 'message'. My reward is only from the One Who created me. Will you not then understand? 52. And O my people! Seek your Lord's forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance. He will shower you with rain in abundance, and add strength to your strength. So do not turn away, persisting in wickedness."

#### His People's Response

53. They argued, "O Hûd! You have not given us any clear proof, and we will never abandon our gods upon your word, nor will we believe in you. 54. All we can say is that some of our gods have possessed you with evil."

#### Hûd's Argument

He said, "I call Allah to witness, and you too bear witness, that I 'totally' reject whatever you associate 55. with Him 'in worship'. So let all of you plot against me without delay! 56. I have put my trust in Allah—my Lord and your Lord. There is no living creature that is not completely under His control.<sup>414</sup> Surely my Lord's Way is perfect justice.<sup>415</sup> 57. But if you turn away, I have already delivered to you what I have been sent with. My Lord will replace you with others.

مُفْتَرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾ يَقَوْمَ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا ۖ إِنِ اجْتَرَىٰ  
إِلَّا عَلَى الَّذِي فَطَرَنِي ۖ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ وَيَقَوْمَ  
اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ ثُمَّ تُوبُوا إِلَيْهِ يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ  
مِدْرَارًا وَيَزِدْكُمْ قُوَّةً إِلَىٰ قُوَّتِكُمْ وَلَا تَتَوَلَّوْا  
مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾ قَالُوا يَهُودُ مَا جِئْتَنَا بِبَيِّنَةٍ وَمَا نَحْنُ  
بِتَارِكِي آلِهَتِنَا عَنْ قَوْلِكَ وَمَا نَحْنُ لَكَ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾  
إِنْ تَقُولُ إِلَّا اعْتَرَاكَ بَعْضُ آلِهَتِنَا بِسُوءٍ ۖ  
قَالَ إِنِّي أَشْهَدُ اللَّهَ وَاشْهَدُوا أَنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّا  
تَشْرِكُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾ مَنْ دُونِهِ فَكِيدُونِي جَمِيعًا ثُمَّ لَا  
تَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ إِنِّي تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ رَبِّي وَرَبِّكُمْ ۖ  
مَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ إِلَّا هُوَ آخِذٌ بِنَاصِيَتِهَا ۖ إِنَّ رَبِّي  
عَلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٥٦﴾ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ  
مَا أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ إِلَيْكُمْ ۖ وَيَسْتَخْلِفُ رَبِّي قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ ۖ

وَلَا تَصْرُوفُ

مِثْلُ ۳

414 lit., there is no moving creature that He does not hold by its forelock.

415 lit., my Lord is on the Straight Path.

You are not harming Him in the least. Indeed, my Lord is a 'vigilant' Keeper over all things."

### The Torment

58. When Our command came, We rescued Hûd and those who believed with him by a mercy from Us, saving them from a harsh torment. 59. That was 'Âd. They denied the signs of their Lord, disobeyed His messengers, and followed the command of every stubborn tyrant. 60. They were followed by a curse in this world, as they will be on the Day of Judgment. Surely 'Âd denied their Lord. So away with 'Âd, the people of Hûd.

### Prophet Sâlih

61. And to the people of Thamûd We sent their brother Sâlih. He said, "O my people! Worship Allah. You have no god other than Him. He 'is the One Who' produced you from the earth and settled you on it. So seek His forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance. Surely my Lord is Ever Near, All-Responsive 'to prayers'."

### His People's Argument

62. They argued, "O Sâlih! We truly had high hopes in you before this.<sup>416</sup> How dare you forbid us to worship what our forefathers had worshipped? We are certainly in alarming doubt

وَلَا تَضُرُّوهُ شَيْئًا ۚ إِنَّ رَبِّي عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَفِيفٌ ﴿٥٨﴾

وَلَمَّا جَاءَ أَمْرُنَا نَجَّيْنَا هُودًا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ

بِرَحْمَةٍ مِنَّا ۚ وَنَجَّيْنَاهُمْ مِّنْ عَذَابٍ غَلِيظٍ ﴿٥٩﴾

وَتِلْكَ عَادٌ ۖ جَادُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ وَعَصَوْا رُسُلَهُ

وَاتَّبَعُوا أَمْرَ كُلِّ جَبَّارٍ عَنِيدٍ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَاتَّبِعُوا فِي هَذِهِ

الدُّنْيَا لَعْنَةً ۖ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۚ إِلَّا إِنْ عَادَا كَفَرُوا

رَبَّهُمْ ۚ إِلَّا بَعْدَآ لِعَادٍ قَوْمِ هُودٍ ﴿٦١﴾ وَإِلَىٰ ثَمُودَ

آخَاهُمْ صَالِحًا ۖ قَالَ يَقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُم مِّنْ

إِلَٰهٍ غَيْرُهُ ۚ هُوَ أَنشَأَكُم مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ

وَأَسْتَعْبِرَكُم فِيهَا فَاسْتَغْفِرُوا لَهُ ثُمَّ تَوْبُوا إِلَيْهِ ۚ

إِنَّ رَبِّي قَرِيبٌ مُّجِيبٌ ﴿٦٢﴾ قَالُوا يَصْلِحْ قَدْ كُنْتَ

فِينَا مَرْجُوًّا قَبْلَ هَذَا ۖ أَتَنْهَانَا أَنْ نَعْبُدَ مَا يَعْبُدُ

آبَاؤُنَا وَإِنَّا لَفِي شَكٍّ مِّمَّا تَدْعُونَا

about what you are inviting us to.”

### His Response

63. He responded, “O my people! Consider if I stand on a clear proof from my Lord and He has blessed me with a mercy from Him. Who could help me against Allah if I were to disobey Him? You would only contribute to my doom. 64. And O my people! This she-camel of Allah is a sign for you.<sup>417</sup> So leave her to graze ‘freely’ on Allah’s earth and do her no harm, or a swift punishment will overtake you!” 65. But they killed her, so he warned ‘them’, “You have ‘only’ three ‘more’ days to enjoy life in your homes—this is an unfailing promise!”

### The Torment

66. When Our command came, We saved Ṣâliḥ and those who believed with him by a mercy from Us and spared them the disgrace of that Day. Surely your Lord ‘alone’ is the All-Powerful, Almighty. 67. And the ‘mighty’ blast overtook the wrongdoers, so they fell lifeless in their homes, 68. as if they had never lived there. Surely Thamûd denied their Lord, so away with Thamûd!

إِلَيْهِ مُرِيبٌ ﴿٦٣﴾ قَالَ يَقَوْمِ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُ  
عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّي وَآتَيْنِي مِنْهُ رَحْمَةً فَهَلْ  
يَنْصُرُنِي مِنَ اللَّهِ إِنْ عَصَيْتُهُ فَمَا تَزِيدُونَنِي  
غَيْرَ تَخْسِيرٍ ﴿٦٤﴾ وَ يَقَوْمِ هَذِهِ نَاقَةُ اللَّهِ لَكُمْ  
آيَةٌ فَذُرُّوهَا تَأْكُلْ فِي أَرْضِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تَمَسُّوهَا  
بِسُوءٍ فَيَأْخُذَكُمْ عَذَابٌ قَرِيبٌ ﴿٦٥﴾ فَعَقَرُوهَا  
فَقَالَ تَمَتَّعُوا فِي دَارِكُمْ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ ۖ ذَٰلِكَ  
وَعْدٌ غَيْرُ مَكْذُوبٍ ﴿٦٦﴾ فَلَمَّا جَاءَ أَمْرُنَا نَجَّيْنَا  
صَالِحًا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ بِرَحْمَةٍ مِنَّا وَمِن  
خِزْيِ يَوْمِئِذٍ ۖ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ الْقَوِيُّ الْعَزِيزُ ﴿٦٧﴾  
وَ أَخَذَ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا الصَّيْحَةَ فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي  
دِيَارِهِمْ جِثِينَ ﴿٦٨﴾ كَأَنَّ لَّمْ يَغْنَوْا فِيهَا ۖ أَلَا إِنَّ  
شُعُودًا كَفَرُوا رَبَّهُمْ ۖ أَلَا بُعْدًا لِّثَمُودَ ﴿٦٩﴾

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْ

مَنْزِلٌ ۙ

<sup>417</sup> The she-camel came out of a mountain as a sign for them.

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْ رُسُلُنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ بِالْبُشْرَى قَالُوا  
 سَلَامًا ۖ قَالَ سَلَامٌ فَمَا لَبِثَ أَنْ جَاءَ بِعِجْلٍ حَنِيذٍ ۝٦٩  
 فَلَمَّا رَأَى أَيْدِيَهُمْ لَا تَصِلُ إِلَيْهِ نَكَرَهُمْ وَأَوَّجَسَ  
 مِنْهُمْ خِيفَةً ۖ قَالُوا لَا تَخَفْ إِنَّا أُرْسِلْنَا إِلَى قَوْمِ  
 لُوطٍ ۝٧٠ وَامْرَأَتُهُ قَائِمَةٌ فَضَحِكَتْ فَبَشَّرْنَاهَا  
 بِإِسْحَقَ ۖ وَمِنْ وَرَاءِ إِسْحَقَ يَعْقُوبَ ۝٧١ قَالَتْ  
 يُوَيْلَتِي ۖ أَلِدُ وَأَنَا عَجُوزٌ وَهَذَا بَعْلِي شَيْخًا ۖ  
 إِنَّ هَذَا لَشَيْءٌ عَجِيبٌ ۝٧٢ قَالُوا أَتَعْجَبِينَ مِنْ  
 أَمْرِ اللَّهِ رَحِمْتُ اللَّهُ وَبَرَكَتُهُ عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ  
 إِنَّهُ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ ۝٧٣ فَلَمَّا ذَهَبَ عَنْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ  
 الرَّوْعُ وَجَاءَتْهُ الْبُشْرَى يُجَادِلُنَا فِى قَوْمِ  
 لُوطٍ ۝٧٤ إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لَحَلِيمٌ أَوَّاهٌ مُنِيبٌ ۝٧٥  
 يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ اعْرِضْ عَنْ هَذَا إِنَّهُ قَدْ جَاءَ أَمْرُ

### Abraham Visited by Angels

69. And surely Our messenger-angels came to Abraham with good news 'of a son'. They greeted 'him with', "Peace!" And he replied, "Peace 'be upon you'!" Then it was not long before he brought 'them' a 'fat,' roasted calf. 70. And when he saw that their hands did not reach for the food, he became suspicious and fearful of them.<sup>418</sup> They reassured 'him', "Do not be afraid! We are 'angels' sent 'only' against the people of Lot."

### Good News to Sarah

71. And his wife was standing by, so she laughed,<sup>419</sup> then We gave her good news of 'the birth of' Isaac, and, after him, Jacob. 72. She wondered, "Oh, my! How can I have a child in this old age, and my husband here is an old man? This is truly an astonishing thing!" 73. They responded, "Are you astonished by Allah's decree? May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you, O people of this house. Indeed, He is Praiseworthy, All-Glorious."

### Abraham Pleading for Lot's People

74. Then after the fear had left Abraham, and the good news had reached him, he began to plead with Us for the people of Lot. 75. Truly, Abraham was forbearing, tender-hearted, and ever turning 'to his Lord'. 76. 'The angels said,' "O Abraham! Plead no more!

418 In ancient Middle Eastern culture, if a guest refused to eat the food provided by their host, it was a sign of ill-will.

419 She laughed after her husband was assured that the guests intended no harm or when she heard the news of the imminent destruction of the sinful people of Lot.

Your Lord's decree has already come, and they will certainly be afflicted with a punishment that cannot be averted!"

#### Lot's Handsome Guests

77. When Our messenger-angels came to Lot, he was distressed and worried by their arrival.<sup>420</sup> He said, "This is a terrible day."<sup>78</sup> And 'the men of his people—who were used to shameful deeds—came to him rushing. He pleaded, "O my people! Here are my daughters"<sup>421</sup> for marriage—they are pure for you. So fear Allah, and do not humiliate me by disrespecting my guests. Is there not 'even' a single right-minded man among you?"<sup>79</sup> They argued, "You certainly know that we have no need for your daughters. You already know what we desire!"<sup>80</sup> He responded, "If only I had the strength 'to resist you' or could rely on a strong supporter."

#### Reassuring Lot

81. The angels said, "O Lot! We are the messengers of your Lord. They will never reach you. So travel with your family in the dark of night, and do not let any of you look back, except your wife. She will certainly suffer the fate of the others.<sup>422</sup> Their appointed time is the morning.

رَبِّكَ ۖ وَإِنَّهُمْ لَاتِيهِمْ عَذَابٌ غَيْرُ مَرْدُودٍ ﴿٤٧﴾  
وَلَمَّا جَاءَتْ رُسُلُنَا لُوطًا سَيِّئًا بِهِمْ وَضَاقَ  
بِهِمْ ذُرْعًا ۖ وَقَالَ هَذَا يَوْمٌ عَصِيبٌ ﴿٤٨﴾ وَجَاءَهُ  
قَوْمُهُ يُهْرَعُونَ إِلَيْهِ ۖ وَمِنْ قَبْلُ كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ  
السَّيِّئَاتِ ۖ قَالَ يَقَوْمِ هَؤُلَاءِ بَنَاتِي هُنَّ أَطْهَرُ  
لَكُمْ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُخْزُونِ فِي ضَيْفِي ۖ أَلَيْسَ  
مِنْكُمْ رَجُلٌ رَّشِيدٌ ﴿٤٩﴾ قَالُوا لَقَدْ عَلِمْتَ مَا لَنَا  
فِي بَلَّتِكَ مِنْ حَقٍّ ۖ وَإِنَّكَ لَتَعْلَمُ مَا نُرِيدُ ﴿٥٠﴾  
قَالَ لَوْ أَنَّ لِي بِكُمْ قُوَّةٌ أَوْ إِيَّائِي إِلَى رُكْنٍ  
شَدِيدٍ ﴿٥١﴾ قَالُوا يَلُوطُ إِنَّا رُسُلُ رَبِّكَ لَنْ يَصِلُوا  
إِلَيْكَ فَأَسْرِ بِأَهْلِكَ بِقِطْعٍ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ وَلَا  
يَلْتَفِتْ مِنْكُمْ أَحَدٌ إِلَّا امْرَأَتَكَ ۖ إِنَّهُ مُصِيبُهَا  
مَا أَصَابَهُمْ ۖ إِنَّ مَوْعِدَهُمُ الصُّبْحُ ۖ أَلَيْسَ الصُّبْحُ

بِقَرِيبٍ

مَثَلٌ ۚ

<sup>420</sup> Since the angels came in the form of handsome men, Lot was worried for the dignity and safety of his guests among his people—not knowing that they were angels.

<sup>421</sup> Single women of his community.

<sup>422</sup> Lot's wife disbelieved in his message. It is believed that she is the one who informed the people of Lot's handsome guests.



↑ Is the morning not near?"

### The Torment

82. When Our command came, We turned the cities upside down and rained down on them clustered stones of baked clay, 83. marked by your Lord 'O Prophet'. And these stones are not far from the 'pagan' wrongdoers!

### Prophet Shu'aib

84. And to the people of Midian We sent their brother Shu'aib. He said, "O my people! Worship Allah. You have no god other than Him. And do not give short measure and weight. I do see you in prosperity now, but I truly fear for you the torment of an overwhelming Day. 85. O my people! Give full measure and weigh with justice. Do not defraud people of their property, nor go about spreading corruption in the land. 86. What is left 'as a lawful gain' by Allah is far better for you if you are 'truly' believers. And I am not a keeper over you."

### His People's Response

87. They asked 'sarcastically', "O Shu'aib! Does your prayer command you that we should abandon what our forefathers worshipped or give up managing our wealth as we please? Indeed, you are such a tolerant, sensible man!"

بِقَرِيبٍ ﴿٨٢﴾ فَلَمَّا جَاءَ أَمْرُنَا جَعَلْنَا عَلَىٰهَا سَافِلَهَا

وَأَمْطَرْنَا عَلَيْهَا حِجَارَةً مِّن سِجِّيلٍ ۚ مَّنْضُودٍ ﴿٨٣﴾

مُسَوَّمَةٌ عِندَ رَبِّكَ ۖ وَمَا هِيَ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

بَبَعِيدٍ ﴿٨٤﴾ وَإِلَىٰ مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ شُعَيْبًا ۖ قَالَ

يَقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُم مِّن إِلَهِ غَيْرُهُ ۖ وَلَا

تَنْقُصُوا الْبِكْيَالَ وَالْبِيزَانَ إِنِّي أَرِكُمْ بِخَيْرٍ

وَإِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ مُّحِيطٍ ﴿٨٥﴾ وَيَقَوْمِ

أَوْفُوا الْبِكْيَالَ وَالْبِيزَانَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا تَبْخُسُوا

النَّاسَ أَشْيَاءَهُمْ وَلَا تَعْثَوْا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾

بَقِيَّتُ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ ۚ

وَمَا أَنَا عَلَيْكُمْ بِخَفِيظٍ ﴿٨٧﴾ قَالُوا يَشْعِيبُ أَصْلُوكَ

تَأْمُرُكَ أَنْ نَتْرَكَ مَا يَعْبُدُ آبَاؤُنَا أَوْ أَنْ نَفْعَلَ فِي

أَمْوَالِنَا مَا نَشَاءُ ۖ إِنَّكَ لَأَنْتَ الْحَلِيمُ الرَّشِيدُ ﴿٨٨﴾

*Shu'aib's Argument*

88. He said, "O my people! Consider if I stand on a clear proof from my Lord and He has blessed me with a good provision from Him. I do not want to do what I am forbidding you from. I only intend reform to the best of my ability. My success comes only through Allah. In Him I trust and to Him I turn. 89. O my people! Do not let your opposition to me lead you to a fate similar to that of the people of Noah, or Hûd, or Şâlih. And the people of Lot are not far from you."<sup>423</sup> 90. So seek your Lord's forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance. Surely my Lord is Most Merciful, All-Loving."

*The Threat*

91. They threatened, "O Shu'aib! We do not comprehend much of what you say, and surely we see you powerless among us. Were it not for your clan, we would have certainly stoned you, for you are nothing to us."

*Shu'aib's Response*

92. He said, "O my people! Do you have more regard for my clan than for Allah, turning your back on Him entirely? Surely my Lord is Fully Aware of what you do. 93. O my people! Persist in your ways, for I 'too' will persist in mine.

قَالَ يَقَوْمِ ارْعَيْتُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُ عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّي  
وَرَزَقْنِي مِنْهُ رِزْقًا حَسَنًا ۖ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ أَخْلِفَكُمُ  
إِلَىٰ مَا أَنهَكُم عَنْهُ ۖ إِنْ أُرِيدُ إِلَّا الْإِصْلَاحَ مَا  
اسْتَطَعْتُ ۖ وَمَا تَوْفِيقِي إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ ۖ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ  
وَالَيْهِ أُنِيبُ ﴿٨٨﴾ وَيَقَوْمِ لَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شِقَاقِي أَنْ  
يُصِيبَكُمْ مِثْلُ مَا أَصَابَ قَوْمَ نُوحٍ أَوْ قَوْمَ هُودٍ أَوْ  
قَوْمَ صَالِحٍ ۖ وَمَا قَوْمُ لُوطٍ مِّنكُمْ بِبَعِيدٍ ﴿٨٩﴾ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا  
رَبَّكُمْ ثُمَّ تَوَبُّوا إِلَيْهِ ۖ إِنْ رَبِّي رَحِيمٌ وَدُودٌ ﴿٩٠﴾ قَالُوا  
يَشْعِيبُ مَا نَفَقَهُ كَثِيرًا مِّمَّا تَقُولُ وَإِنَّا لَنَرُكَ  
فِينَا ضَعِيفًا ۚ وَلَوْلَا رَهْمُكَ لَرَجَمْنَاكَ ۖ وَمَا أَنْتَ  
عَلَيْنَا بِعَزِيزٍ ﴿٩١﴾ قَالَ يَقَوْمِ أَرَهْطِي أَعَزُّ عَلَيْكُم مِّنَ  
اللَّهِ ۖ وَاتَّخَذْتُمُوهُ وَرَاءَكُمْ ظَهْرِيًّا ۖ إِنْ رَبِّي بِمَا  
تَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطٌ ﴿٩٢﴾ وَيَقَوْمِ اعْمَلُوا عَلَىٰ مَكَانَتِكُمْ

إِنِّي عَامِلٌ

مَنْزِلٌ

You will soon come to know who will be visited by a humiliating torment and is a liar! And watch! I too am watching with you!"

### The Torment

94. When Our command came, We saved Shu'aib and those who believed with him by a mercy from Us. And the 'mighty' blast overtook the wrongdoers, so they fell lifeless in their homes, 95. as if they had never lived there. So away with Midian as it was with Thamûd!

### Prophet Moses

96. Indeed, We sent Moses with Our signs and compelling proof 97. to Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they followed the command of Pharaoh, and Pharaoh's command was not well guided. 98. He will be before his people on the Day of Judgment and will lead them into the Fire. What an evil place to be led into! 99. They were followed by a curse in this 'life' and 'will receive another' on the Day of Judgment. What an evil gift to receive!

### Reward of Wickedness

100. These are accounts, We relate to you 'O Prophet', of the 'destroyed' cities. Some are still standing 'barren', while others have been mowed down. 101. We did not wrong them, rather they wronged themselves.

إِنِّي عَامِلٌ ۖ سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ ۚ مَنْ يَأْتِيهِ عَذَابٌ

يُخْزِيهِ وَمَنْ هُوَ كَاذِبٌ ۖ وَارْتَقِبُوا إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ

رَقِيبٌ ﴿٩٤﴾ وَلَمَّا جَاءَ أَمْرُنَا نَجَّيْنَا شُعَيْبًا وَالَّذِينَ

آمَنُوا مَعَهُ بِرَحْمَةٍ مِنَّا ۖ وَآخَذَتِ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا

الصَّيْحَةُ فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي دِيَارِهِمْ جُثَثٍ ﴿٩٥﴾ كَانَ لَمَّ

يَعْنُوا فِيهَا ۖ لَا بَعْدَ لِلَّذِينَ كَمَا بَعَدَتْ ثَمُودُ ﴿٩٦﴾

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ بِآيَاتِنَا وَسُلْطَانٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٩٧﴾

إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِ فَاتَّبَعُوا أَمْرَ فِرْعَوْنَ ۖ وَمَا

أَمْرُ فِرْعَوْنَ بِرَشِيدٍ ﴿٩٨﴾ يَقْدُمُ قَوْمَهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ

فَأَوْرَدَهُمُ النَّارَ ۖ وَبِئْسَ الْوِرْدُ الْمَوْرُودُ ﴿٩٩﴾ وَاتَّبَعُوا

فِي هَذِهِ لَعْنَةً ۖ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۖ بِئْسَ الرِّفْدُ

الْمَرْفُودُ ﴿١٠٠﴾ ذَلِكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ الْقُرَىٰ نَقُصُّهُ عَلَيْكَ

مِنْهَا قَائِمٌ وَحَصِيدٌ ﴿١٠١﴾ وَمَا ظَلَمْنَاهُمْ وَلَكِنْ

The gods they invoked beside Allah were of no help at all when the command of your Lord came, and only contributed to their ruin. 102. Such is the 'crushing' grip of your Lord when He seizes the societies entrenched in wrongdoing. Indeed, His grip is 'terribly' painful and severe.

#### Judgment Day

103. Surely in this is a sign for those who fear the torment of the Hereafter. That is a Day for which humanity will be gathered and a Day 'that will be' witnessed 'by all'. 104. We only delay it for a fixed term. 105. When that Day arrives, no one will dare speak except with His permission. Some of them will be miserable, others joyful.

#### The Miserable

106. As for those bound for misery, they will be in the Fire, where they will be sighing and gasping. 107. staying there forever, as long as the heavens and the earth will endure, except what your Lord wills.<sup>424</sup> Surely your Lord does what He intends.

#### The Joyful

108. And as for those destined to joy, they will be in Paradise, staying there forever, as long as the heavens and the earth will endure,

ظَالِمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ فَمَا أَغْنَتْ عَنْهُمْ آلِهَتُهُمُ الَّتِي  
يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ لَّهَا جَاءَ أَمْرُ  
رَبِّكَ ۚ وَمَا زَادُوهُمْ غَيْرَ تَتْبِيبٍ ۝۱۰۲ وَكَذَلِكَ أَخْذُ  
رَبِّكَ إِذَا أَخَذَ الْقُرَىٰ وَهِيَ ظَالِمَةٌ ۚ إِنَّ أَخْذَهُ  
إِلَيْمٌ شَدِيدٌ ۝۱۰۳ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّمَنْ خَافَ  
عَذَابَ الْآخِرَةِ ۚ ذَلِكَ يَوْمٌ مَّجْمُوعٌ لَّهُ النَّاسُ  
وَذَلِكَ يَوْمٌ مَّشْهُودٌ ۝۱۰۴ وَمَا تُؤَخِّرُهُ إِلَّا لِأَجَلٍ  
مَّعْدُودٍ ۝۱۰۵ يَوْمَ يَأْتِ لَا تَكَلَّمُ نَفْسٌ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ۚ  
فَمِنْهُمْ شَقِيٌّ وَسَعِيدٌ ۝۱۰۶ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ شَقُوا فَفِي  
النَّارِ لَهُمْ فِيهَا زَفِيرٌ وَشَهِيقٌ ۝۱۰۷ خَلِدِينَ فِيهَا  
مَا دَامَتِ السَّمَوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ رَبُّكَ ۚ  
إِنَّ رَبَّكَ فَعَّالٌ لِّمَا يُرِيدُ ۝۱۰۸ وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ سَعَدُوا  
فَفِي الْجَنَّةِ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا مَا دَامَتِ السَّمَوَاتُ  
وَالْأَرْضُ ۚ

424 Sinful believers will eventually be removed from Hell after receiving their punishment.

except what your Lord wills<sup>425</sup>—a 'generous' giving, without end.

### Blind Following

109. So do not be in doubt 'O Prophet' about what those 'pagans' worship. They worship nothing except what their forefathers worshipped before 'them'. And We will certainly give them their share 'of punishment' in full, without any reduction.

### The Torah

110. Indeed, We had given Moses the Scripture, but differences arose regarding it. Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord,<sup>426</sup> their differences would have been settled 'at once'. They are truly in alarming doubt about it. 111. And surely your Lord will fully pay all for their deeds. He is certainly All-Aware of what they do.

### Advice to the Believers

112. So be steadfast as you are commanded 'O Prophet', along with those who turn 'in submission to Allah' with you. And do not transgress. Surely He is All-Seeing of what you 'believers' do. 113. And do not be inclined to the wrongdoers or you will be touched by the Fire. For then you would have no protectors other than Allah, nor would you be helped. 114. Establish prayer 'O Prophet' at both ends of the day and in the early part of the night.<sup>427</sup> Surely good deeds wipe out evil deeds.

وَالْأَرْضُ إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ رَبُّكَ ط عَطَاءٌ غَيْرَ مُجَدُّودٍ ﴿١٠٨﴾

فَلَا تَكُ فِي مِرْيَةٍ مِّمَّا يَعْبُدُ هَؤُلَاءِ ط مَا يَعْبُدُونَ

إِلَّا كَمَا يَعْبُدُ آبَاؤُهُمْ مِّن قَبْلُ ط وَإِنَّا لَكُوفُّوهُمْ

نَصِيبُهُمْ غَيْرَ مَنقُوصٍ ﴿١٠٩﴾ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى

الْكِتَابَ فَاخْتَلَفَ فِيهِ ط وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةٌ سَبَقَتْ

مِّن رَّبِّكَ لَقُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ ط وَإِنَّهُمْ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ

مُرِيبٍ ﴿١١٠﴾ وَإِنَّ كُلًّا لَّمَّا لَيُوفِّيَنَّهُمْ رَبُّكَ

أَعْمَالَهُمْ ط إِنَّهُ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١١١﴾ فَاسْتَقِمْ

كَمَا أُمِرْتَ وَمَنْ تَابَ مَعَكَ وَلَا تَطْغَوْا ط إِنَّهُ

بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١١٢﴾ وَلَا تَرْكُؤُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ

ظَلَمُوا فَتَمَسَّكُمُ النَّارُ وَلَا وَمَا لَكُمْ مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ

مِّنْ أَوْلِيَاءَ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصَرُونَ ﴿١١٣﴾ وَاقِمْ الصَّلَاةَ طَرَفَى

النَّهَارِ وَزُلْفًا مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ ط إِنَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يُذْهِبْنَ

425 Except the time they spend on earth and in the grave, or except the time the sinful believers spend in Hell before being transferred to Paradise.

426 That He will delay their judgment until the Hereafter.

427 This verse talks about the five daily prayers. The prayers at the two ends of the day are the dawn prayer (*Fajr*) at one end and the afternoon prayers (*Zuhr* and *Asr*) at the other. Prayers in the early part of the night include the sunset (*Maahrib*) and late evening (*'Ishâ'*) prayers.

That is a reminder for the mindful.  
115. And be patient! Certainly Allah does not discount the reward of the good-doers.

#### Speaking out Against Evil

116. If only there had been among the 'destroyed' peoples before you, 'O believers,' virtuous individuals who forbade corruption in the land—other than the few We had saved 'from the torment'. But the wrongdoers 'only' pursued their 'worldly' pleasures, becoming wicked.  
117. And your Lord 'O Prophet' would never destroy a society unjustly while its people were acting rightly.

#### Free Choice

118. Had your Lord so willed, He would have certainly made humanity one single community 'of believers', but they will always 'choose to' differ—119. except those shown mercy by your Lord—and so He created them 'to choose freely'. And so the Word of your Lord will be fulfilled: "I will surely fill up Hell with jinn and humans all together."

#### Moral of the Stories

120. And We relate to you 'O Prophet' the stories of the messengers to reassure your heart. And there has come to you in this 'sûrah' the truth, a warning 'to the disbelievers', and a reminder to the believers. 121. Say to those who disbelieve,

السَّيِّئَاتِ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ ذِكْرِي لِلذَّاكِرِينَ ۝ وَاصْبِرْ  
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ۝ فَلَوْلَا  
كَانَ مِنَ الْقَرُورِ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ أُولُوا بَقِيَّةٍ  
يَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْفَسَادِ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِمَّنْ  
أَنْجَيْنَا مِنْهُمْ ۚ وَاتَّبَعَ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مَا أُتْرِفُوا فِيهِ  
وَكَانُوا مُجْرِمِينَ ۝ وَمَا كَانَ رَبُّكَ لِيُهْلِكَ  
الْقُرَى بِظُلْمٍ وَأَهْلِهَا مُصْلِحُونَ ۝ وَلَوْ شَاءَ  
رَبُّكَ لَجَعَلَ النَّاسَ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً ۚ وَلَا يَزَالُونَ  
مُخْتَلِفِينَ ۝ إِلَّا مَنْ رَحِمَ رَبُّكَ ۚ وَلِذَٰلِكَ خَلَقَهُمْ ۚ  
وَتَمَّتْ كَلِمَةُ رَبِّكَ لَا مَأْكَنَ جَهَنَّمَ مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ  
وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ ۝ وَكُلًّا نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ  
أَنْبَاءِ الرُّسُلِ مَا نَشِئْتُ بِهِ فُؤَادَكَ ۚ وَجَاءَكَ فِي  
هَذِهِ الْحَقُّ وَمَوْعِظَةٌ وَذِكْرِي لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝ وَقُلْ

لِّلَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ أَعْمَلُوا عَلَىٰ مَكَانَتِكُمْ ۖ إِنَّا  
عَمَلُونَ ﴿١٢١﴾ وَاتَّظَرُوا ۖ إِنَّا مُنْتَظِرُونَ ﴿١٢٢﴾ وَلِلَّهِ غَيْبُ  
السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَإِلَيْهِ يُرْجَعُ الْأَمْرُ كُلُّهُ فَاعْبُدْهُ  
وَتَوْكَّلْ عَلَيْهِ ۖ وَمَا رَبُّكَ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢٣﴾

﴿الْأَنْعَامُ ١١١﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ يُوسُفَ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٥٣)﴾ ﴿رُكُوعًا ١٢﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الرَّحْمَتِكَ أَيْتُ الْكِتَابِ الْبَيِّنِ ۖ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ  
قُرْءَانًا عَرَبِيًّا لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١﴾ نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ  
عَلَيْكَ أَحْسَنَ الْقَصَصِ بِمَا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ هَذَا  
الْقُرْآنَ ۖ وَإِنْ كُنْتَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ لَمِنَ الْغَافِلِينَ ﴿٢﴾  
إِذْ قَالَ يُوسُفُ لِأَبِيهِ يَا أَبَتِ إِنِّي رَأَيْتُ أَحَدَ عَشَرَ  
كُوكَبًا ۖ وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ رَأَيْتُهُمْ لِي سَاجِدِينَ ﴿٣﴾  
قَالَ يَبْنَئِي لَكَ تَقْصُصُ رُءْيَاكَ عَلَىٰ إِخْوَتِكَ

“Persist in your ways; we will certainly persist in ours. 122. And wait! Surely we ‘too’ are waiting.”

### Allah Almighty

123. To Allah ‘alone’ belongs the knowledge of what is hidden in the heavens and the earth. And to Him all matters are returned. So worship Him and put your trust in Him. And your Lord is never unaware of what you do.



### 12. Joseph (Yûsuf)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### The Best of Stories

1. *Alif-Lām-Ra*. These are the verses of the clear Book. 2. Indeed, We have sent it down as an Arabic Quran<sup>428</sup> so that you may understand.<sup>429</sup> 3. We relate to you ‘O Prophet’ the best of stories through Our revelation of this Quran, though before this you were totally unaware ‘of them’.

#### Joseph’s Dream

4. ‘Remember’ when Joseph said to his father, “O my dear father! Indeed I dreamt of eleven stars, and the sun, and the moon—I saw them prostrating to me!”<sup>430</sup> 5. He replied, “O my dear son! Do not relate your vision to your brothers, or they will devise a plot against you.

428 Quran literally means recitation.

429 The address here is to the Arabs and, by extension, all of humanity.

430 This dream came true at the end of the story (see 12:100).

Surely Satan is a sworn enemy to humankind. 6. And so will your Lord choose you 'O Joseph', and teach you the interpretation of dreams, and perfect His favour upon you and the descendants of Jacob—'just' as He once perfected it upon your forefathers, Abraham and Isaac. Surely your Lord is All-Knowing, All-Wise."

#### *Conspiracy by Joseph's Brothers*

7. Indeed, in the story of Joseph and his brothers there are lessons for all who ask. 8. 'Remember' when they said 'to one another', "Surely Joseph and his brother 'Benjamin' are more beloved to our father than we, even though we are a group of so many."<sup>431</sup> Indeed, our father is clearly mistaken. 9. Kill Joseph or cast him out to some 'distant' land so that our father's attention will be only ours, then after that you may 'repent and' become righteous people!" 10. One of them said, "Do not kill Joseph. But if you must do something, throw him into the bottom of a well so perhaps he may be picked up by some travellers."

#### *Convincing Jacob*

11. They said, "O our father! Why do you not trust us with Joseph,

فَيَكِيدُوا لَكَ كَيْدًا ۖ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ ۝ وَكَذَلِكَ يَجْتَبِيكَ رَبُّكَ وَيُعَلِّمُكَ مِنْ تَأْوِيلِ الْأَحَادِيثِ وَيُتِمُّ نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ يَعْقُوبَ كَمَا أَتَمَّهَا عَلَىٰ أَبَوَيْكَ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْحَاقَ ۚ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ۝ لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي يُوسُفَ وَإِخْوَتِهِ آيَاتٌ لِّلْسَائِلِينَ ۝ إِذْ قَالُوا لِيُوسُفُ وَأَخُوهُ أَحَبُّ إِلَىٰ أَبِينَا مِنَّا وَنَحْنُ عُصْبَةٌ ۚ إِنَّ أَبَانَا لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ۝ ٨ اقْتُلُوا يُوسُفَ أَوْ اطْرَحُوهُ أَرْضًا يَخْلُ لَكُمْ وَجْهُ أَبِيكُمْ وَتَكُونُوا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ قَوْمًا ضَالِحِينَ ۝ ٩ قَالَ قَائِلٌ مِنْهُمْ لَا تَقْتُلُوا يُوسُفَ وَالْقُوَّةُ فِي غَيْبَتِ الْجُبِّ يَلْتَقِطُهُ بَعْضُ السَّيَّارَةِ إِن كُنْتُمْ فَاعِلِينَ ۝ ١٠ قَالُوا يَا أَبَانَا مَا لَكَ لَا تَأْمَنَّا عَلَىٰ يُوسُفَ وَإِنَّا

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لَهُ نَصَبُونَ

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431 Unlike Joseph's other brothers, Benjamin was Joseph's full brother. They lost their mother at a young age, so their half-brothers thought that their



لَهُ لَنُصْحُونَ ﴿١١﴾ أَرْسَلَهُ مَعَنَا غَدًا يَرْتَعِ وَيَلْعَبْ  
وَأَنَا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴿١٢﴾ قَالَ إِنِّي لَيَحْزُنُنِي أَنَّ تَذْهَبُوا  
بِهِ وَأَخَافُ أَنْ يَأْكُلَهُ الذِّئْبُ وَأَنْتُمْ عَنْهُ  
غَافِلُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ قَالُوا لَئِنْ أَكَلَهُ الذِّئْبُ وَنَحْنُ عُصْبَةٌ إِنَّا  
إِذَا الْخِيسِرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ فَلَمَّا ذَهَبُوا بِهِ وَاجْتَمَعُوا أَنْ يُجْعَلُوهُ  
فِي غِيَبَتِ الْجُبِّ ۖ وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْهِ لَتُنَبِّئَنَّهُمْ بِأَمْرِهِمْ  
هَذَا وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٥﴾ وَجَاءُوا أَبَاهُمْ عِشَاءً  
يَبْكُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ قَالُوا يَا أَبَانَا إِنَّا ذَهَبْنَا نَسْتَبِقُ وَتَرَكْنَا  
يُوسُفَ عِنْدَ مَتَاعِنَا فَآكَلَهُ الذِّئْبُ ۖ وَمَا أَنْتَ بِمُؤْمِنٍ  
لَنَا وَلَوْ كُنَّا صَادِقِينَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَجَاءُوا عَلَى قَمِيصِهِ بِدَمٍ  
كَذِبٍ ۖ قَالَ بَلْ سَوَّلَتْ لَكُمْ أَنْفُسُكُمْ أَمْرًا ۖ فَصَبْرٌ  
جَمِيلٌ ۖ وَاللَّهُ الْمُسْتَعَانُ عَلَى مَا تَصِفُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ وَجَاءَتْ  
سَيَّارَةٌ فَأَرْسَلُوا وَارِدَهُمْ فَأَدْلَى دَلْوَةً ۖ قَالَ يَبْشَى

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although we truly wish him well? 12. Send him out with us tomorrow so that he may enjoy himself and play. And we will really watch over him.” 13. He responded, “It would truly sadden me if you took him away with you, and I fear that a wolf may devour him while you are negligent of him.” 14. They said, “If a wolf were to devour him, despite our strong group, then we would certainly be losers!” 15. And so, when they took him away and decided to throw him into the bottom of the well, We inspired him: “One day you will remind them of this deed of theirs while they are unaware of who you are.”

#### Faking Joseph's Death

16. Then they returned to their father in the evening, weeping. 17. They cried, “Our father! We went racing and left Joseph with our belongings, and a wolf devoured him! But you will not believe us, no matter how truthful we are.” 18. And they brought his shirt, stained with false blood.<sup>432</sup> He responded, “No! Your souls must have tempted you to do something ‘evil’. So ‘I can only endure with’ beautiful patience!<sup>433</sup> It is Allah’s help that I seek to bear your claims.”

#### Joseph Sold into Slavery

19. And there came some travellers, and they sent their water-boy who let down his bucket into the well. He cried out, “Oh, what a great find! Here is a boy!”

<sup>432</sup> They stained Joseph's shirt with blood from a sheep, but forgot to tear his shirt. So Jacob became suspicious when he saw the intact shirt.

<sup>433</sup> i.e., patience without complaining.

And they took him secretly "to be sold" as merchandise, but Allah is All-Knowing of what they did. 20. They "later" sold him for a cheap price, just a few silver coins—only wanting to get rid of him.<sup>434</sup>

#### Joseph in Egypt

21. The man from Egypt<sup>435</sup> who bought him said to his wife, "Take good care of him, perhaps he may be useful to us or we may adopt him as a son." This is how We established Joseph in the land, so that We might teach him the interpretation of dreams. Allah's Will always prevails, but most people do not know. 22. And when he reached maturity, We gave him wisdom and knowledge. This is how We reward the good-doers.

#### The Temptation

23. And the lady, in whose house he lived, tried to seduce him. She locked the doors "firmly" and said, "Come to me!" He replied, "Allah is my refuge! It is 'not right to betray' my master, who has taken good care of me. Indeed, the wrongdoers never succeed." 24. She advanced towards him, and he would have done likewise, had he not seen a sign from his Lord.<sup>436</sup> This is how We kept evil and indecency away from him,

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هَذَا غُلْمٌ ۖ وَأَسْرُوهُ بَضَاعَةٌ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٩﴾  
وَأَسْرُوهُ بِشَيْنٍ بِخُسٍ دَرَاهِمَ مَعْدُودَةٍ ۚ وَكَانُوا فِيهِ  
مِنَ الزَّاهِدِينَ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَقَالَ الَّذِي اشْتَرَاهُ مِنْ مِصْرَ  
لِمَرْأَتِهِ أَكْرِمِي مَثْوَاهُ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَنْفَعَنَا أَوْ  
نَتَّخِذَهُ وَلَدًا ۖ وَكَذَلِكَ مَكَّنَّا لِيُوسُفَ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
وَلِنُعَلِّمَهُ مِنَ تَأْوِيلِ الْأَحَادِيثِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ غَالِبٌ عَلَىٰ  
أَمْرِهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ  
أَشَدَّهُ اتِّينَهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا ۖ وَكَذَلِكَ نُجْزِي الْهَيَّاسِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾  
وَرَاوَدَتْهُ الَّتِي هُوَ فِي بَيْتِهَا عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَغَلَّقَتِ  
الْأَبْوَابَ وَقَالَتْ هَيْتَ لَكَ ۖ قَالَ مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ  
رَبِّي أَحْسَنَ مَثْوَايَ ۖ إِنَّهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَلَقَدْ  
هَمَّتْ بِهِ ۚ وَهَمَّ بِهَا لَوْلَا أَنَّ رَأَىٰ بُرْهَانَ رَبِّهِ ۖ  
كَذَلِكَ لَنَصْرِفَ عَنْهُ السُّوءَ وَالْفَحْشَاءَ ۖ إِنَّهُ مِنْ

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434 Other possible translations: 1. "... so little did they value him." 2. "... they had no interest in him." In any case, they wanted to sell him immediately before someone claimed him. According to some Quran commentators, it was Joseph's brothers who sold him to the travellers after he was picked up from the well. The verse states that Joseph was sold for a few worthless coins. Ironically, in 12:88 Joseph's brothers came to him after he became Egypt's Chief Minister, begging for supplies and saying that the only money they could afford was a few worthless coins. This is when Joseph revealed his true identity to them.

435 Potiphar, the Chief Minister of Egypt (Al-'Aziz).

436 Joseph (ؑ) received warning against fornication either through divine inspiration or a vision of his father.

عِبَادَنَا الْمُخْلَصِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾ وَاسْتَبَقَا الْبَابَ وَقَدَّتْ قَمِيصَهُ  
 مِنْ دُبُرٍ وَأَلْفَيَا سَيِّدَهَا لَدَا الْبَابِ ۖ قَالَتْ مَا جَزَاءُ  
 مَنْ أَرَادَ بِأَهْلِكَ سُوءًا إِلَّا أَنْ يُسْجَنَ أَوْ عَذَابٌ  
 أَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٣﴾ قَالَتْ هِيَ رَأَوْدَتُنِي عَنْ نَفْسِي وَشَهِدَ شَاهِدٌ  
 مِّنْ أَهْلِهَا ۖ إِنْ كَانَ قَمِيصُهُ قُدَّ مِنْ قُبُلٍ فَصَدَقَتْ  
 وَهُوَ مِنَ الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَإِنْ كَانَ قَمِيصُهُ قُدَّ مِنْ  
 دُبُرٍ فَكَذَبَتْ وَهُوَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾ فَلَمَّا رَأَى قَمِيصَهُ  
 قُدَّ مِنْ دُبُرٍ قَالَ إِنَّهُ مِنْ كَيْدِكُنَّ ۖ إِنَّ كَيْدَكُنَّ  
 عَظِيمٌ ﴿٢٦﴾ يُوسُفُ أَعْرِضْ عَنْ هَذَا ۖ اسْتَغْفِرِي  
 لِذَنْبِكِ ۚ إِنَّكَ كُنْتَ مِنَ الْخَاطِئِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَقَالَ نِسْوَةٌ  
 فِي الْمَدِينَةِ امْرَأَتُ الْعَزِيزِ تُرَاوِدُ فَتَاهَا عَنْ نَفْسِهِ ۖ  
 قَدْ شَغَفَهَا حُبًّا ۗ إِنَّا لَنَرِيهَا فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٢٨﴾  
 فَلَمَّا سَمِعَتْ بِمَكْرِهِنَّ أَرْسَلَتْ إِلَيْهِنَّ وَأَعْتَدَتْ

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for he was truly one of Our chosen servants. 25. They raced for the door and she tore his shirt from the back, only to find her husband at the door. She cried, "What is the penalty for someone who tried to violate your wife, except imprisonment or a painful punishment?"

### The Witness

26. Joseph responded, "It was she who tried to seduce me." And a witness from her own family testified: "If his shirt is torn from the front, then she has told the truth and he is a liar. 27. But if it is torn from the back, then she has lied and he is truthful." 28. So when her husband saw that Joseph's shirt was torn from the back, he said 'to her', "This must be 'an example' of the cunning of you 'women'! Indeed, your cunning is so shrewd! 29. O Joseph! Forget about this. And you 'O wife'! Seek forgiveness for your sin.<sup>437</sup> It certainly has been your fault."

### The Women and Joseph's Beauty

30. Some women of the city gossiped, "The Chief Minister's wife is trying to seduce her slave-boy. Love for him has plagued her heart. Indeed, we see that she is clearly mistaken."<sup>438</sup> 31. When she heard about their gossip,<sup>439</sup> she invited them and set a banquet for them.

437 She was urged to seek forgiveness from her husband.

438 The women's only objection was because the wife of the Chief Minister was in love with someone raised in her house like a son.

439 lit., 'their cunning' because the women themselves were probably interested in Joseph.

She gave each one a knife, then said 'to Joseph', "Come out before them." When they saw him, they were so stunned 'by his beauty' that they cut their hands,<sup>440</sup> and exclaimed, "Good God! This cannot be human; this must be a noble angel!" 32. She said, "This is the one for whose love you criticized me! I did try to seduce him but he 'firmly' refused. And if he does not do what I order him to, he will certainly be imprisoned and 'fully' disgraced."<sup>441</sup>

### The Lesser of Two Evils

33. Joseph prayed, "My Lord! I would rather be in jail than do what they invite me to. And if You do not turn their cunning away from me, I might yield to them and fall into ignorance." 34. So his Lord responded to him, turning their cunning away from him. Surely He is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 35. And so it occurred to those in charge, despite seeing all the proofs 'of his innocence', that he should be imprisoned for a while.<sup>442</sup>

### Dreams of the Two Inmates

36. And two other servants went to jail with Joseph. One of them said, "I dreamt I was pressing wine." The other said, "I dreamt I was carrying 'some' bread on my head, from which birds were eating."

لَهُنَّ مُتَكَاتٍ وَأَتَتْ كُلَّ وَاحِدَةٍ مِّنْهُنَّ سِكِّينًا  
وَقَالَتْ أَخْرِجْ عَلَيْنَا فَلَبَّا رَأَيْنَهُ أَكْبَرْنَهُ وَقَطَّعْنَ  
أَيْدِيَهُنَّ وَقُلْنَ حَاشَ لِلَّهِ مَا هَذَا بَشَرًا إِنْ هَذَا  
إِلَّا مَلَكٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٣١﴾ قَالَتْ فَذَلِكُنَّ الَّذِي لُبَّتْنِي فِيهِ  
وَلَقَدْ رَاوَدْتُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ فَاسْتَعْصَمَ وَلَئِنْ لَّمْ  
يَفْعَلْ مَا أَمَرُكَ لَيَسْجُنَنَّ وَلَيَكُونَا مِنَ الصَّغِيرِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾  
قَالَ رَبِّ السِّجْنُ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِمَّا يَدْعُونَنِي إِلَيْهِ  
وَالْأَتَصْرِفُ عَنِّي كَيْدَهُنَّ أَصَبُ إِلَيْهِنَّ وَأَكُنْ مِنَ  
الْجَاهِلِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾ فَاسْتَجَابَ لَهُ رَبُّهُ فَصَرَفَ عَنْهُ كَيْدَهُنَّ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٣٤﴾ ثُمَّ بَدَأَ إِلَهُم مِّنْ بَعْدِ مَا رَأَوْا  
الْآيَاتِ لَيَسْجُنَنَّهُ حَتَّىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَدَخَلَ مَعَهُ السِّجْنَ  
فَتَيْنِ ۖ قَالَ أَحَدُهُمَا إِنِّي أَرَانِي أَعْصِرُ خَمْرًا  
وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ إِنِّي أَرَانِي أُحْمَلُ فَوْقَ رَأْسِي خُبْرًا تَأْكُلُ

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440 The women were cutting fruit, and when Joseph came out they were so impressed by his beauty that they sliced through the fruit and into their hands without knowing.

441 The women tried to convince him to obey the Chief Minister's wife, so Joseph prayed to Allah to keep him away from them.

442 To stop women from being charmed by Joseph's beauty, or to put an end to the rumours, or to keep him away from the Minister's wife.

الطَّيْرُ مِنْهُ ۖ نَبِّئْنَا بِتَأْوِيلِهِ ۚ إِنَّا نَرَاكَ مِنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾  
 قَالَ لَا يَأْتِيَكُمَا طَعَامٌ تُرْزَقَانِهِ إِلَّا نَبَّأْتُكُمَا بِتَأْوِيلِهِ  
 قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَكُمَا ۚ ذَلِكُمَا مِمَّا عَلَّمَني رَبِّي ۖ إِنِّي  
 تَرَكْتُ مِلَّةَ قَوْمٍ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ  
 كَافِرُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَاتَّبَعْتُ مِلَّةَ آبَائِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْحَاقَ  
 وَيَعْقُوبَ ۖ مَا كَانَ لَنَا أَنْ نَشْرِكَ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۚ  
 ذَلِكَ مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ  
 النَّاسِ لَا يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ يَصَاحِبِي السِّجْنِ ۖ أَرَأَيْتَ  
 مُتَّفَرِّقُونَ خَيْرٌ أَمِ اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ ﴿٤٠﴾ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ  
 مِنْ دُونِهِ إِلَّا أَسْمَاءُ سَمَّيْتُمُوهَا أَنْتُمْ وَآبَاؤُكُمْ مَا أَنْزَلَ  
 اللَّهُ بِهَا مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ ۖ إِنِ الْحُكْمُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ ۖ أَمَرَ أَلَّا  
 تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا آيَاهُ ۖ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ  
 النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾ يَصَاحِبِي السِّجْنِ ۖ أَمَّا أَحَدُكُمَا

"Then both said, " "Tell us their interpretation, for we surely see you as one of the good-doers."

#### Invitation to the Truth

37. Joseph replied, "I can even tell you what kind of meal you will be served before you receive it. This 'knowledge' is from what my Lord has taught me. I have shunned the faith of a people who disbelieve in Allah and deny the Hereafter.

38. I follow the faith of my fathers: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is not 'right' for us to associate anything with Allah 'in worship'. This is part of Allah's grace upon us and humanity, but most people are not grateful. 39. O my fellow-prisoners! Which is far better: many different lords or Allah—the One, the Supreme? 40. Whatever 'idols' you worship instead of Him are mere names which you and your forefathers have made up<sup>443</sup>—a practice Allah has never authorized. It is only Allah Who decides. He has commanded that you worship none but Him. That is the upright faith, but most people do not know.

#### Interpretation of the Dreams

41. "O my fellow-prisoners!

"The first" one of you will serve wine to his master, and the other will be crucified and the birds will eat from his head. The matter about which you inquired has been decided." 42. Then he said to the one he knew would survive, "Mention me in the presence of your master.<sup>444</sup>" But Satan made him forget to mention Joseph to his master, so he remained in prison for several years.

### The King's Dream

43. And 'one day' the King<sup>445</sup> said, "I dreamt of seven fat cows eaten up by seven skinny ones; and seven green ears of grain and 'seven' others dry. O chiefs! Tell me the meaning of my dream if you can interpret dreams." 44. They replied, "These are confused visions and we do not know the interpretation of such dreams." 45. 'Finally,' the surviving ex-prisoner remembered 'Joseph' after a long time and said, "I will tell you its interpretation, so send me forth 'to Joseph'."

### Interpretation of the King's Dream

46. 'He said,' "Joseph, O man of truth! Interpret for us 'the dream of' seven fat cows eaten up by seven skinny ones; and seven green ears of grain and 'seven' others dry,

فَيَسْقِي رَبَّهُ خَمْرًا وَأَمَّا الْآخَرُ فَيُصْلَبُ فَتَأْكُلُ الطَّيْرُ  
مِنْ رَأْسِهِ ط قُضِيَ الْأَمْرُ الَّذِي فِيهِ تَسْتَفْتِينَ ﴿٣١﴾  
وَقَالَ لِلَّذِي ظَنَّ أَنَّهُ نَاجٍ مِّنْهُمَا اذْكُرْنِي عِنْدَ  
رَبِّكَ ۚ فَأَنَسُهُ الشَّيْطَانُ ذِكْرَ رَبِّهِ فَلَبِثَ فِي السِّجْنِ  
بِضْعَ سِنِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ إِنِّي أَرَى سَبْعَ بَقَرَاتٍ  
سِمَانٍ يَأْكُلُهُنَّ سَبْعٌ عِجَافٌ وَسَبْعَ سُنبُلَاتٍ خُضْرٍ  
وَأُخْرَى بُيُوسٍ ط يَأْكُلُهَا الْبَلَاءُ أَفْتُونِي فِي رُءْيَايَ إِن  
كُنْتُمْ لِلرُّءْيَا تَعْبُرُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ قَالُوا أَضْغَاثُ أَحْلَامٍ ؕ  
وَمَا نَحْنُ بِتَأْوِيلِ الْأَحْلَامِ بِعَالِمِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَقَالَ الَّذِي  
نَجَّاهُ مِّنْهُمَا وَادَّكَرَ بَعْدَ أُمَّةٍ أَنَا أُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِتَأْوِيلِهِ  
فَارْسِلُونِ ﴿٣٥﴾ يُوسُفُ أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُ أَفْتِنَا فِي سَبْعِ  
بَقَرَاتٍ سِمَانٍ يَأْكُلُهُنَّ سَبْعٌ عِجَافٌ وَسَبْعِ  
سُنُبُلَاتٍ خُضْرٍ وَأُخْرَى بُيُوسٍ ؕ لَعَلِّي أَرْجِعُ إِلَى النَّاسِ

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444 The King of Egypt.

445 In the Bible (the Book of Genesis), this ruler is referred to as a pharaoh, while in the Quran he is referred to as a king. Typically, Egypt was ruled by pharaohs, but there existed a brief period in Egyptian history in which Egypt was ruled by the Hyksos invaders (1700-1550 B.C.E.). Hyksos rulers were called kings, not pharaohs. Joseph entered Egypt during the reign of the Hyksos, who used to appoint some foreigners to prominent positions in Egypt. According to *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, "Those who regard the Joseph stories as historical generally hold that the Pharaoh by whom Joseph was made the practical ruler of Egypt was one of the Hyksos kings." "Joseph," *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, Volume VII (London: Funk and Wagnalls Company, 1916), p. 252.

لَعَلَّهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ قَالَ تَزْرَعُونَ سَبْعَ سِنِينَ دَابَّاءُ

فَمَا حَصَدْتُمْ فَذَرُوهُ فِي سُنْبُلِهِ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِمَّا

تَأْكُلُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ ثُمَّ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ سَبْعٌ شِدَادٌ

يَأْكُلْنَ مَا قَدَّمْتُمْ لَهُنَّ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِمَّا تَحْصِنُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

ثُمَّ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ عَامٌ فِيهِ يُغَاثُ النَّاسُ

وَفِيهِ يَعْصِرُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ ائْتُونِي بِهِ ۖ فَلَمَّا

جَاءَهُ الرَّسُولُ قَالَ ارْجِعْ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَسْأَلْهُ مَا بَالُ

النِّسْوَةِ الَّتِي قَطَّعْنَ أَيْدِيَهُنَّ ۖ إِنَّ رَبِّي بِكَيْدِهِنَّ

عَلِيمٌ ﴿٤٠﴾ قَالَ مَا خَطْبُكُنَّ إِذْ رَاوَدْتُنَّ يُوسُفَ عَنْ

نَفْسِهِ ۖ قُلْنَ حَاشَ لِلَّهِ مَا عَلِمْنَا عَلَيْهِ مِنْ سُوءٍ ۖ

قَالَتِ امْرَأَتُ الْعَزِيزِ النَّحْصُصَ الْحَقُّ ۖ أَنَا رَاوَدْتُهُ

عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَإِنَّهُ لَمِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿٤١﴾ ذَلِكَ لِيَعْلَمَ أَنِّي

لَمْ أَخْنُهِ بِالْغَيْبِ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي كَيْدَ الْخَائِنِينَ ﴿٤٢﴾

so that I may return to the people and let them know.” 47. Joseph replied, “You will plant ‘grain’ for seven consecutive years, leaving in the ear whatever you will harvest, except for the little you will eat. 48. Then after that will come seven years of great hardship which will consume whatever you have saved, except the little you will store ‘for seed’. 49. Then after that will come a year in which people will receive abundant rain and they will press ‘oil and wine’.”

#### Joseph Declared Innocent

50. The King ‘then’ said, “Bring him to me.” When the messenger came to him, Joseph said, “Go back to your master and ask him about the case of the women who cut their hands. Surely my Lord has ‘full’ knowledge of their cunning.” 51. The King asked ‘the women’, “What did you get when you tried to seduce Joseph?” They replied, “Allah forbid! We know nothing indecent about him.” Then the Chief Minister’s wife admitted, “Now the truth has come to light. It was I who tried to seduce him, and he is surely truthful. 52. From this, Joseph should know that I did not speak dishonestly about him in his absence, for Allah certainly does not guide the scheming of the dishonest.

53. And I do not seek to free myself from blame, for indeed the soul is ever inclined to evil, except those shown mercy by my Lord. Surely my Lord is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”

*Joseph, the Chief Minister*

54. The King said, “Bring him to me. I will employ him exclusively in my service.” And when Joseph spoke to him, the King said, “Today you are highly esteemed and fully trusted by us.” 55. Joseph proposed, “Put me in charge of the store-houses of the land, for I am truly reliable and adept.” 56. This is how We established Joseph in the land to settle wherever he pleased. We shower Our mercy on whoever We will, and We never discount the reward of the good-doers. 57. And the reward of the Hereafter is far better for those who are faithful and are mindful ‘of Allah’.

*Joseph's Brothers Visit Egypt<sup>446</sup>*

58. And Joseph's brothers came and entered his presence. He recognized them but they were unaware of who he really was. 59. When he had provided them with their supplies, he demanded, “Bring me your brother on your father's side.<sup>447</sup> Do you not see that I give full measure and I am the best of hosts? 60. But if you do not bring him to me ‘next time’, I will have no grain for you,

وَمَا أُرِئِي نَفْسِي ۚ إِنَّ النَّفْسَ لَأَمَّارَةٌ بِالسُّوءِ  
إِلَّا مَا رَحِمَ رَبِّي ۚ إِنَّ رَبِّي غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَقَالَ  
الْمَلِكُ ائْتُونِي بِهِ ۖ أَسْتَخْلِصْهُ لِنَفْسِي ۚ فَلَمَّا كَلَّمَهُ  
قَالَ إِنَّكَ الْيَوْمَ لَدَيْنَا مَكِينٌ أَمِينٌ ﴿٥٤﴾ قَالَ  
اجْعَلْنِي عَلَى خَزَائِنِ الْأَرْضِ ۚ إِنِّي حَفِيظٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٥﴾  
وَكَذَلِكَ مَكَّنَّا لِيُوسُفَ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ يَتَّبِعُوهُ مِنْهَا  
حَيْثُ يَشَاءُ ۚ نَصِيبٌ بِرَحْمَتِنَا مَنْ نَشَاءُ وَلَا نُضِيعُ  
أَجْرَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾ وَلَا جُرْأِخْرَةَ خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَجَاءَ إِخْوَةُ يُوسُفَ  
فَدَخَلُوا عَلَيْهِ فَعَرَفَهُمْ وَهُمْ لَهُ مُنْكَرُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾  
وَلَمَّا جَهَّزَهُمْ بِجَهَّازِهِمْ قَالَ ائْتُونِي بِأَخٍ لَّكُمْ  
مِّنْ أَبِيكُمْ ۚ أَلَا تَرَوْنَ أَنِّي أُوفِي الْكَيْلَ وَأَنَا  
خَيْرُ الْمُنْزِلِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾ فَإِنْ لَّمْ تَأْتُونِي بِهِ فَلَا كَيْلَ لَكُمْ

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<sup>446</sup> Joseph's family was affected by famine, so they had to travel to Egypt to buy supplies.

<sup>447</sup> i.e., Benjamin. When Joseph hosted his half-brothers, they told him the number of people in their household for future supplies.



عِنْدِي وَلَا تَقْرُبُونِ ﴿٦٠﴾ قَالُوا سَأُرَاوِدُ عَنْهُ أَبَاهُ  
وَإِنَّا لَفَاعِلُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ وَقَالَ لِفَتِيِّهِ اجْعَلُوا بِضَاعَتَهُمْ  
فِي رِحَالِهِمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَعْرِفُونَهَا إِذَا انْقَلَبُوا  
إِلَى أَهْلِهِمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾ فَلَمَّا رَجَعُوا  
إِلَى أَبِيهِمْ قَالُوا يَا أَبَانَا مُنِعَ مِنَّا الْكَيْلُ فَأَرْسِلْ  
مَعَنَا آخَانَا نَكْتَلْ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَفِظُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾ قَالَ هَلْ  
أَمْتَكُمُ عَلَيْهِ إِلَّا كَمَا أَمْتَكُمُ عَلَى أَخِيهِ مِنْ قَبْلُ ط  
فَاللَّهُ خَيْرٌ حِفْظًا ۖ وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ ﴿٦٤﴾ وَلَمَّا  
فَتَحُوا مَتَاعَهُمْ وَجَدُوا بِضَاعَتَهُمْ رُدَّتْ إِلَيْهِمْ ط  
قَالُوا يَا أَبَانَا مَا نَبْغِي ط هَذِهِ بِضَاعَتُنَا رُدَّتْ إِلَيْنَا ۚ  
وَنَبِيرُ أَهْلَنَا وَنَحْفَظُ أَخَانَا وَنَزِدَادُ كَيْلَ بَعِيرٍ ط  
ذَلِكَ كَيْلُ يَسِيرٍ ﴿٦٥﴾ قَالَ لَنْ أُرْسِلَهُ مَعَكُمْ حَتَّى  
تُؤْتُوا مَوْثِقًا مِنَ اللَّهِ لَتَأْتُنَّنِي بِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ

nor will you ever come close to me again.” 61. They promised, “We will try to convince his father to let him come. We will certainly do ‘our best’.” 62. Joseph ordered his servants to put his brothers’ money back into their saddlebags so that they would find it when they returned to their family and perhaps they would come back.

#### *The Brothers Return Home*

63. When Joseph’s brothers returned to their father, they pleaded, “O our father! We have been denied ‘further’ supplies. So send our brother with us so that we may receive our measure, and we will definitely watch over him.” 64. He responded, “Should I trust you with him as I once trusted you with his brother ‘Joseph’? But ‘only’ Allah is the best Protector, and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful.” 65. When they opened their bags, they discovered that their money had been returned to them. They argued, “O our father! What more can we ask for? Here is our money, fully returned to us. Now we can buy more food for our family. We will watch over our brother, and obtain an extra camel-load of grain. That load can be easily secured.”

#### *Jacob’s Wisdom*

66. Jacob insisted, “I will not send him with you until you give me a solemn oath by Allah that you will certainly bring him back to me,

unless you are totally overpowered.” Then after they had given him their oaths, he concluded, “Allah is a Witness to what we have said.” 67. He then instructed ‘them’, “O my sons! Do not enter ‘the city’ all through one gate, but through separate gates.<sup>448</sup> I cannot help you against ‘what is destined by’ Allah in the least. It is only Allah Who decides. In Him I put my trust. And in Him let the faithful put their trust.” 68. Then when they entered as their father had instructed them, this did not help them against ‘the Will of’ Allah whatsoever. It was just a desire in Jacob’s heart which he satisfied. He was truly blessed with ‘great’ knowledge because of what We had taught him, but most people have no knowledge.

#### The Royal Cup<sup>449</sup>

69. When they entered Joseph’s presence, he called his brother ‘Benjamin’ aside, and confided ‘to him’, “I am indeed your brother ‘Joseph’! So do not feel distressed about what they have been doing.” 70. When Joseph had provided them with supplies, he slipped the royal cup into his brother’s bag. Then a herald cried, “O people of the caravan!

يُحَاطَ بِكُمْ ۚ فَلَبَّآ اتَّوَهُ مَوْثِقَهُمْ قَالَ اللَّهُ عَلَى  
مَا تَقُولُ وَكِيلٌ ﴿٦٧﴾ وَقَالَ يَبْنَئِ لَا تَدْخُلُوا  
مِنْ بَابٍ وَاحِدٍ وَادْخُلُوا مِنْ أَبْوَابٍ مُتَفَرِّقَةٍ ۚ  
وَمَا أَعْنِي عَنْكُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۚ إِنَّ الْحُكْمَ إِلَّا  
لِلَّهِ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ ۚ وَعَلَيْهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُتَوَكِّلُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾  
وَلَبَّآ دَخَلُوا مِنْ حَيْثُ أَمَرَهُمْ أَبُوهُمْ ۚ مَا كَانَ  
يُغْنِي عَنْهُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا حَاجَةً فِي  
نَفْسِ يَعْقُوبَ قَضَاهَا ۚ وَإِنَّهُ لَذُو عِلْمٍ لِّمَا عَلَّمْنَاهُ  
وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾ وَلَبَّآ دَخَلُوا  
عَلَى يُوسُفَ أَوْى إِلَيْهِ أَخَاهُ قَالَ إِنِّي أَنَا  
أَخُوكَ فَلَا تَبْتِيسَ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾  
فَلَبَّآ جَهَّزَهُمْ بِجَهَازِهِمْ جَعَلَ السَّقَايَةَ فِي  
رَحْلِ أَخِيهِ ثُمَّ أَذَّنَ مُؤَذِّنٌ أَيَّتَهَا الْعِيزُ إِنَّكُمْ

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448 He told them that every three or four of them should enter through a different gate. His desire was to protect them from envy and harm.

449 The King’s cup was also used as the standard measure for grain.

لَسْرِقُونَ ٥٠ قَالُوا وَقَبِلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ مَاذَا تَفْقَدُونَ ٥١  
 قَالُوا نَفَقْدُ صَوَاعَ الْمَلِكِ وَلِمَنْ جَاءَ بِهِ حِمْلُ  
 بَعِيرٍ وَأَنَا بِهِ زَعِيمٌ ٥٢ قَالُوا تَاللَّهِ لَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمْ مَا  
 جِئْنَا لِنَفْسِدَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا كُنَّا سَارِقِينَ ٥٣ قَالُوا  
 فَمَا جَزَاؤُهُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ كَذِبِينَ ٥٤ قَالُوا جَزَاؤُهُ  
 مَنْ وُجِدَ فِي رَحْلِهِ فَهُوَ جَزَاؤُهُ ٥٥ كَذَلِكَ  
 نَجْزِي الظَّالِمِينَ ٥٦ فَبَدَأَ بِأَوْعِيَّتِهِمْ قَبْلَ وِعَاءِ  
 أَخِيهِ ثُمَّ اسْتَخْرَجَهَا مِنْ وِعَاءِ أَخِيهِ ٥٧ كَذَلِكَ  
 كِدْنَا لِيُوسُفَ ٥٨ مَا كَانَ لِيَأْخُذَ أَخَاهُ فِي دِينِ  
 الْمَلِكِ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ ٥٩ نَرْفَعُ دَرَجَاتٍ مَنْ نَشَاءُ ٦٠  
 وَفَوْقَ كُلِّ ذِي عِلْمٍ عَلِيمٌ ٦١ قَالُوا إِنْ يَسْرِقْ  
 فَقَدْ سَرَقَ أَخٌ لَهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ ٦٢ فَاسْرَهَا يُّوسُفُ  
 فِي نَفْسِهِ ٦٣ وَلَمْ يُبْدِهَا لَهُمْ ٦٤ قَالَ أَنْتُمْ شَرُّ

You must be thieves!” 71. They asked, turning back, “What have you lost?” 72. The herald ‘along with the guards’ replied, “We have lost the King’s measuring cup. And whoever brings it will be awarded a camel-load ‘of grain’. I guarantee it.” 73. Joseph’s brothers replied, “By Allah! You know well that we did not come to cause trouble in the land, nor are we thieves.” 74. Joseph’s men asked, “What should be the price for theft, if you are lying?” 75. Joseph’s brothers responded, “The price will be ‘the enslavement of’ the one in whose bag the cup is found. That is how we punish the wrongdoers.”

#### Joseph Takes Benjamin

76. Joseph began searching their bags before that of his brother ‘Benjamin’, then brought it out of Benjamin’s bag. This is how We inspired Joseph to plan. He could not have taken his brother under the King’s law, but Allah had so willed. We elevate in rank whoever We will. But above those ranking in knowledge is the One All-Knowing. 77. ‘To distance themselves,’ Joseph’s brothers argued, “If he has stolen, so did his ‘full’ brother before.”<sup>450</sup> But Joseph suppressed his outrage—revealing nothing to them—and said ‘to himself’, “You are in such an evil position,”<sup>451</sup>

450 Joseph was falsely accused of theft when he was young.

451 He meant: I did not steal anything, nor did my brother ‘Benjamin’. You are the real thieves; you stole me from my father and threw me into the well.

and Allah knows best "the truth of what you claim." 78. They appealed, "O Chief Minister! He has a very old father, so take one of us instead. We surely see you as one of the good-doers." 79. Joseph responded, "Allah forbid that we should take other than the one with whom we found our property. Otherwise, we would surely be unjust."

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80. When they lost all hope in him, they spoke privately. The eldest of them said, "Do you not know that your father had taken a solemn oath by Allah from you, nor how you failed him regarding Joseph before? So I am not leaving this land until my father allows me to, or Allah decides for me. For He is the Best of Judges. 81. Return to your father and say, 'O our father! Your son committed theft. We testify only to what we know. We could not guard against the unforeseen.'<sup>452</sup> 82. Ask "the people of" the land where we were and the caravan we travelled with.

وَقَالُوا

مَكَانًا ۚ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا تَصِفُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾ قَالُوا يَا أَيُّهَا  
الْعَزِيزُ إِنَّ لَهُ أَبًا شَيْخًا كَبِيرًا فَخُذْ أَحَدَنَا  
مَكَانَهُ ۚ إِنَّا نَنبُرُكَ مِنَ الْبُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾ قَالَ مَعَاذَ  
اللَّهِ أَنْ تَأْخُذَ إِلَّا مَنْ وَجَدْنَا مَتَاعَنَا عِندَهُ ۚ  
إِنَّا إِذَا الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾ فَلَمَّا اسْتَيْسَسُوا مِنْهُ خَاَصُوا  
نَجِيًّا ۖ قَالَ كَبِيرُهُمْ أَلَمْ تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ أَبَاكُمْ  
قَدْ أَخَذَ عَلَيْكُمْ مَوْثِقًا مِنَ اللَّهِ ۖ وَمِنْ قَبْلُ مَا  
فَرَطْتُمْ فِي يُوسُفَ ۚ فَلَنْ أَبْرَحَ الْأَرْضَ حَتَّىٰ  
يَأْذَنَ لِيٓ أَبِيٓ أَوْ يَحْكُمَ اللَّهُ لِيٓ ۚ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ  
الْحَاكِمِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾ ارْجِعُوا إِلَىٰ آبَائِكُمْ فَقُولُوا يَا أَبَانَا  
إِنَّ ابْنَكَ سَرَقَ ۚ وَمَا شَهِدْنَا إِلَّا بِمَا عَلَّمَنَا  
وَمَا كُنَّا لِلْغَيْبِ حَفِظِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾ وَسَعَلَ الْقَرْيَةُ الَّتِي  
كُنَّا فِيهَا وَالْعِيرَ الَّتِي أَقْبَلْنَا فِيهَا ۖ وَإِنَّا

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452 We did not know when we gave you our solemn oath that our brother was going to steal.

لَصِدْقُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾ قَالَ بَلْ سَوَّلَتْ لَكُمْ أَنْفُسُكُمْ أَمْراً  
فَصَبِرْ جَمِلاً ۖ عَسَىٰ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَأْتِيَنِي بِهِمْ جَمِيعًا  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٨٤﴾ وَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ  
يَا سَفَىٰ عَلَىٰ يُونُسَ ۖ وَأَبْيَضَّتْ عَيْنُهُ مِنَ الْحُزَنِ  
فَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ ﴿٨٥﴾ قَالُوا تَاللَّهِ تَفْتُوا تَذْكُرُ يُونُسَ  
حَتَّىٰ تَكُونَ حَرَضًا أَوْ تَكُونَ مِنَ الْهَالِكِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾  
قَالَ إِنَّمَا أَشْكُوا بَثِّي وَحُزِّي إِلَى اللَّهِ ۖ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ  
اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾ يَا بَنِيَّ اذْهَبُوا فَتَحَسَّسُوا مِنْ  
يُونُسَ ۖ وَأَخِيهِ وَلَا تَأْيَسُوا مِنْ رَوْحِ اللَّهِ ۖ إِنَّهُ  
لَا يَأْيِسُ مِنْ رَوْحِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾ فَلَمَّا  
دَخَلُوا عَلَيْهِ قَالُوا يَا أَيُّهَا الْعَزِيزُ مَسَّنَا وَأَهْلَنَا  
الضَّرُّ وَجِئْنَا بِبِضَاعَةٍ مُزْجَاةٍ فَأَوْفِ لَنَا الْكَيْلَ  
وَتَصَدَّقْ عَلَيْنَا ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَجْزِي الْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾

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We are certainly telling the truth.”

### Jacob's Grief

83. He cried, “No! Your souls must have tempted you to do something ‘evil’. So ‘I am left with nothing but’ beautiful patience!<sup>453</sup> I trust Allah will return them all to me. Surely He ‘alone’ is the All-Knowing, All-Wise.” 84. He turned away from them, lamenting, “Alas, poor Joseph!” And his eyes turned white out of the grief he suppressed.<sup>454</sup> 85. They said, “By Allah! You will not cease to remember Joseph until you lose your health or ‘even’ your life.” 86. He replied, “I complain of my anguish and sorrow only to Allah, and I know from Allah what you do not know. 87. O my sons! Go and search ‘diligently’ for Joseph and his brother. And do not lose hope in the mercy of Allah, for no one loses hope in Allah’s mercy except those with no faith.”

### Joseph Reveals His Identity

88. When they entered Joseph’s presence, they pleaded, “O Chief Minister! We and our family have been touched with hardship, and we have brought only a few worthless coins, but ‘please’ give us our supplies in full and be charitable to us. Indeed, Allah rewards the charitable.”

<sup>453</sup> i.e., patience without complaining.

<sup>454</sup> Jacob (ع) cried for so long that he became very weak-sighted. Some scholars suggest that he lost his sight completely. This does not contradict Jacob’s beautiful patience because he did not complain to anyone, but expressed his sorrow only to Allah.

89. He asked, "Do you remember what you did to Joseph and his brother in your ignorance?" 90. They replied "in shock", "Are you really Joseph?" He said, "I am Joseph, and here is my brother 'Benjamin'! Allah has truly been gracious to us. Surely whoever is mindful 'of Allah' and patient, then certainly Allah never discounts the reward of the good-doers."

#### Brothers' Apology Accepted

91. They admitted, "By Allah! Allah has truly preferred you over us, and we have surely been sinful." 92. Joseph said, "There is no blame on you today. May Allah forgive you! He is the Most Merciful of the merciful! 93. Go with this shirt of mine and cast it over my father's face, and he will regain his sight. Then come back to me with your whole family."

#### Jacob Regains His Sight

94. When the caravan departed 'from Egypt', their father said 'to those around him', "You may think I am senile, but I certainly sense the smell of Joseph." 95. They replied, "By Allah! You are definitely still in your old delusion." 96. But when the bearer of the good news arrived, he cast the shirt over Jacob's face, so he regained his sight. Jacob then said 'to his children', "Did I not tell you that I truly know from Allah what you do

قَالَ هَلْ عَلَيْكُمْ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ يَوْسُفَ وَآخِيهِ إِذْ أَنْتُمْ  
جَاهِلُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾ قَالُوا ءَاتَاكَ لَأَنْتَ يَوْسُفُ ط قَالَ أَنَا  
يُوسُفُ وَهَذَا أَخِي زَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا ط إِنَّهُ مَنْ  
يَتَّقِ وَيَصْبِرْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٩٠﴾  
قَالُوا تَاللَّهِ لَقَدْ أَشْرَكَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا وَإِنْ كُنَّا لَخَطِيئِينَ ﴿٩١﴾  
قَالَ لَا تَثْرِبَ عَلَيْكُمْ الْيَوْمَ ط يَعْفِرُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ ز  
وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ ﴿٩٢﴾ إِذْ هَبُوا بِقَمِيصِي هَذَا  
فَالْقُوَّةَ عَلَى وَجْهِ أَبِي يَأْتِ بَصِيرًا ؕ وَأَتُونِي بِأَهْلِكُمْ  
أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٩٣﴾ وَلَمَّا فَصَلَتِ الْعِيرُ قَالَ أَبُوهُمْ  
إِنِّي لَأَجِدُ رِيحَ يُوسُفَ لَوْلَا أَنْ تُفَنِّدُون ﴿٩٤﴾  
قَالُوا تَاللَّهِ إِنَّكَ لَفِي ضَلَالِكَ الْقَدِيمِ ﴿٩٥﴾ فَلَمَّا أَنْ  
جَاءَ الْبَشِيرُ أَلْقَاهُ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ فَارْتَدَّ بَصِيرًا ؕ  
قَالَ أَلَمْ أَقُلْ لَكُمْ ؕ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا

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تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾ قَالُوا يَا أَبَانَا اسْتَغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا  
 خَاطِئِينَ ﴿٩٧﴾ قَالَ سَوْفَ أَسْتَغْفِرُ لَكُمْ رَبِّي ۖ إِنَّهُ هُوَ  
 الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٩٨﴾ فَلَمَّا دَخَلُوا عَلَى يُوسُفَ أَوَى  
 إِلَيْهِ أَبُوئِهِ وَقَالَ ادْخُلُوا مِصْرَ إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ  
 أَمِينٌ ﴿٩٩﴾ وَرَفَعَ أَبُوئِهِ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ وَخَرُّوْا لَهُ  
 سُجَّدًا ۖ وَقَالَ يَا بَتِ هَذَا تَأْوِيلُ رُءْيَايَ مِنْ  
 قَبْلُ ۖ قَدْ جَعَلَهَا رَبِّي حَقًّا ۖ وَقَدْ أَحْسَنَ بِي إِذْ  
 أَخْرَجَنِي مِنَ السِّجْنِ وَجَاءَ بِكُمْ مِنَ الْبَدْوِ مِنْ  
 بَعْدِ أَنْ تَزَغَ الشَّيْطَانُ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ إِخْوَتِي ۖ إِنَّ  
 رَبِّي لَطِيفٌ لِّمَا يَشَاءُ ۖ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٠٠﴾  
 رَبِّ قَدْ آتَيْتَنِي مِنَ الْمُلْكِ وَعَلَّمْتَنِي مِنْ  
 تَأْوِيلِ الْأَحَادِيثِ ۖ فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ  
 أَنْتَ وَلِيّ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۖ تَوَقَّعْنِي مُسْلِمًا

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not know?" 97. They begged, "O our father! Pray for the forgiveness of our sins. We have certainly been sinful." 98. He said, "I will pray to my Lord for your forgiveness.<sup>455</sup> He 'alone' is indeed the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

#### Joseph's Dream Comes True

99. When they entered Joseph's presence, he received his parents 'graciously' and said, "Enter Egypt, Allah willing, in security." 100. Then he raised his parents to the throne, and they all fell down in prostration to Joseph,<sup>456</sup> who then said, "O my dear father! This is the interpretation of my old dream. My Lord has made it come true. He was truly kind to me when He freed me from prison, and brought you all from the desert after Satan had ignited rivalry between me and my siblings.<sup>457</sup> Indeed my Lord is subtle in fulfilling what He wills. Surely He 'alone' is the All-Knowing, All-Wise."

#### Joseph's Prayer

101. "My Lord! You have surely granted me authority and taught me the interpretation of dreams. 'O' Originator of the heavens and the earth! You are my Guardian in this world and the Hereafter.

455 Jacob (ع) delayed the prayer for his children to be forgiven until pre-dawn, which is a blessed time for supplication.

456 Joseph's parents and his eleven brothers prostrated before him out of respect, not as an act of worship. This was permissible in their tradition, but in Islam, Muslims prostrate only to Allah.

457 Joseph (ع) did not mention how Allah saved him from the well because he did not want to embarrass his brothers after forgiving them.

Allow me to die as one who submits<sup>458</sup> and join me with the righteous.”

#### Reminders to Prophet Muhammad

102. That is from the stories of the unseen which We reveal to you ‘O Prophet’. You were not present when they ‘all’<sup>459</sup> made up their minds, and when they plotted ‘against Joseph’. 103. And most people will not believe—no matter how keen you are— 104. even though you are not asking them for a reward for this ‘Quran’. It is only a reminder to the whole world. 105. How many signs in the heavens and the earth do they pass by with indifference! 106. And most of them do not believe in Allah without associating others with Him ‘in worship’. 107. Do they feel secure that an overwhelming torment from Allah will not overtake them, or that the Hour will not take them by surprise when they least expect ‘it’?

#### Invitation with Knowledge and Wisdom

108. Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “This is my way. I invite to Allah with insight—I and those who follow me. Glory be to Allah, and I am not one of the polytheists.”

#### Allah’s Messengers

109. We only sent before you ‘O Prophet’ men inspired by Us from among the people of each society.

وَالْحَقِّنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٠٢﴾ ذَلِكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ الْغَيْبِ  
نُوحِيهِ إِلَيْكَ ۚ وَمَا كُنْتَ لَدَيْهِمْ إِذْ أَجْمَعُوا أَمْرَهُمْ  
وَهُمْ يَكْذِبُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾ وَمَا أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ وَلَوْ حَرَصْتَ  
بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٠٤﴾ وَمَا تَسْأَلُهُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ ۗ إِنْ  
هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٥﴾ وَكَأَيِّنْ مِنْ آيَةٍ فِي  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَمُرُّونَ عَلَيْهَا وَهُمْ عَنْهَا  
مُعْرِضُونَ ﴿١٠٦﴾ وَمَا يُؤْمِنُ أَكْثَرُهُمْ بِاللَّهِ إِلَّا وَهُمْ  
مُشْرِكُونَ ﴿١٠٧﴾ أَفَأَمِنُوا أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ غَاشِيَةٌ مِّنْ  
عَذَابِ اللَّهِ أَوْ تَأْتِيَهُمُ السَّاعَةُ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ  
لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٠٨﴾ قُلْ هَذِهِ سَبِيلِي ۖ أَدْعُو إِلَى اللَّهِ  
عَلَىٰ بَصِيرَةٍ ۖ أَنَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِي ۖ وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَمَا  
أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿١٠٩﴾ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ إِلَّا  
رِجَالًا نُّوْحِي إِلَيْهِمْ مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْقُرَىٰ ۗ أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا

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458 lit., as a Muslim.

459 This includes Joseph’s brothers, the travellers who picked him up from the well and sold him into slavery, and the Chief Minister’s wife and other women in the city.



Have the deniers not travelled through the land to see what was the end of those 'destroyed' before them? And surely the 'eternal' Home of the Hereafter is far better for those mindful 'of Allah'. Will you not then understand? 110. And when the messengers despaired and their people thought the messengers had been denied help, Our help came to them 'at last'. We then saved whoever We willed, and Our punishment is never averted from the wicked people.

#### Messengers' Stories in the Quran

111. In their stories there is truly a lesson for people of reason. This message cannot be a fabrication, rather 'it is' a confirmation of previous revelation, a detailed explanation of all things, a guide, and a mercy for people of faith.

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#### 13. Thunder (Ar-Ra'd)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### The Truth

1. *Alif-Lām-Mīm-Ra*. These are the verses of the Book. What has been revealed to you 'O Prophet' from your Lord is the truth, but most people do not believe.

فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ  
مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۖ وَلَدَارُ الْآخِرَةِ خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا ۖ  
أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٠٩﴾ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا اسْتَيْسَسَ الرُّسُلُ  
وَوَظُّوْا أَنَّهُمْ قَدْ كُذِّبُوا جَاءَهُمْ نَصْرُنَا فَنُجِّى  
مَنْ نَشَاءُ ۖ وَلَا يُرَدُّ بَأْسُنَا عَنِ الْقَوْمِ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿١١٠﴾  
لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ۖ  
مَا كَانَ حَدِيثًا يُفْتَرَىٰ وَلَٰكِن تَصْدِيقَ الَّذِي  
بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَتَفْصِيلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى  
وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١١١﴾

﴿آيَاتُهَا ٢٣﴾ (١٣) سُورَةُ الرَّعْدِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٩٦) ﴿رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٦﴾  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْمَرْتَفِ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ ۖ وَالَّذِي أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ  
مِنْ رَبِّكَ الْحَقُّ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١﴾

2. It is Allah Who has raised the heavens without pillars—as you can see—then established Himself on the Throne. He has subjected the sun and the moon, each orbiting for an appointed term. He conducts the whole affair. He makes the signs clear so that you may be certain of the meeting with your Lord. 3. And He is the One Who spread out the earth and placed firm mountains and rivers upon it, and created fruits of every kind in pairs.<sup>460</sup> He covers the day with night. Surely in this are signs for those who reflect. 4. And on the earth there are 'different' neighbouring tracts, gardens of grapevines, 'various' crops, palm trees—some stemming from the same root, others standing alone. They are all irrigated with the same water, yet We make some taste better than others. Surely in this are signs for those who understand.

#### Denying Resurrection

5. 'Now,' if anything should amaze you 'O Prophet', then it is their question: "When we are reduced to dust, will we really be raised as a new creation?" It is they who have disbelieved in their Lord. It is they who will have shackles around their necks.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي رَفَعَ السَّمَوَاتِ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ تَرَوْنَهَا ثُمَّ  
اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ وَ سَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ  
كُلٌّ يَجْرِي لِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ۖ يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ يُفَصِّلُ  
الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ بِلِقَاءِ رَبِّكُمْ تُوقِنُونَ ﴿٢﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي  
مَدَّ الْأَرْضَ وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَأَنْهَارًا وَمِنْ  
كُلِّ الشَّجَرِ جَعَلَ فِيهَا زَوْجَيْنِ اثْنَيْنِ يُغْشَى  
الَّيْلَ النَّهَارُ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٣﴾  
وَفِي الْأَرْضِ قِطْعٌ مُّتَجَوِّرَاتٌ ۖ وَجَنَّتْ مِنْ أَعْنَابٍ  
وَزَرْعٌ وَنَخِيلٌ صِنَوَانٌ وَغَيْرُ صِنَوَانٍ يُسْقَى بِمَاءٍ  
وَاحِدٍ ۖ وَنُفِضِلُ بَعْضَهَا عَلَى بَعْضٍ فِي الْأَكْلِ ۖ  
إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٤﴾ وَإِنْ تَعْجَبْ  
فَعَجَبٌ قَوْلُهُمْ ءَإِذَا كُنَّا تُرَابًا إِنَّا لَفِي خَلْقٍ  
جَدِيدٍ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ وَأُولَٰئِكَ

And it is they who will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever.

#### Hastening the Torment

6. They ask you 'O Prophet' to hasten the torment rather than grace, though there have 'already' been 'many' torments before them. Surely your Lord is full of forgiveness for people, despite their wrongdoing, and your Lord is truly severe in punishment.

#### Demanding a Sign from the Prophet<sup>461</sup>

7. The disbelievers say, "If only a sign could be sent down to him from his Lord." You 'O Prophet' are only a warner. And every people had a guide.

#### Allah's Knowledge

8. Allah knows what every female bears and what increases and decreases in the wombs.<sup>462</sup> And with Him everything is determined with precision. 9. 'He is the' Knower of the seen and the unseen—the All-Great, Most Exalted. 10. It is the same 'to Him' whether any of you speaks secretly or openly, whether one hides in the darkness of night or goes about in broad daylight.

#### Allah's Power

11. For each one there are successive angels before and behind, protecting them by Allah's command.

الْأَعْلَىٰ فِي أَعْنَاقِهِمْ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ

هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٥﴾ وَیَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ

قَبْلَ الْحَسَنَةِ وَقَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمُ الْمَثَلُ ط

وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَذُو مَغْفِرَةٍ لِّلنَّاسِ عَلَىٰ ظُلْمِهِمْ ۚ

وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَشَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٦﴾ وَیَقُولُ الَّذِينَ

كَفَرُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِ ط إِنَّمَا

أَنْتَ مُنذِرٌ وَلِكُلِّ قَوْمٍ هَادٍ ﴿٧﴾ اللَّهُ یَعْلَمُ مَا

تَحْمِلُ كُلُّ أُنْثَىٰ وَمَا تَغِیضُ الْأَرْحَامُ وَمَا تَزْدَادُ ط

وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَكَ بِقَدَارٍ ﴿٨﴾ عَلِیْمُ الْغُیْبِ وَ

الشَّهَادَةِ الْكَبِیْرُ الْمُتَعَالِ ﴿٩﴾ سَوَاءٌ مِّنْكُمْ مَّنْ أَسَرَ

الْقَوْلَ وَمَنْ جَهَرَ بِهِ وَمَنْ هُوَ مُسْتَخْفٍ بِاللَّیْلِ

وَسَارٍ بِالنَّهَارِ ﴿١٠﴾ لَهُ مُعَقِّبَاتٌ مِّنْ بَیْنِ يَدَيْهِ

وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ یَحْفَظُونَهُ مِّنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ

<sup>461</sup> Like the staff of Moses.

<sup>462</sup> He knows whether the egg will be fertilized or not, whether the baby will be born before or after nine months, whether the pregnancy will end with delivery or miscarriage, and whether there will be one baby or more.

Indeed, Allah would never change a people's state 'of favour' until they change their own state 'of faith'. And if it is Allah's Will to torment a people, it can never be averted, nor can they find a protector other than Him.

#### Display of Divine Power

12. He is the One Who shows you lightning, inspiring 'you with' hope and fear,<sup>463</sup> and produces heavy clouds. 13. The thunder glorifies His praises, as do the angels in awe of Him. He sends thunderbolts, striking with them whoever He wills. Yet they dispute about Allah. And He is tremendous in might.

#### Useless Idols

14. Calling upon Him 'alone' is the truth. But those 'idols' the pagans invoke besides Him 'can' never respond to them in any way. 'It is' just like someone who stretches out their hands to water, 'asking it' to reach their mouths, but it can never do so. The calls of the disbelievers are only in vain.

#### The True Lord

15. To Allah 'alone' bow down 'in submission'<sup>464</sup> all those in the heavens and the earth—willingly or unwillingly—as do their shadows, morning and evening.

لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ ۖ وَإِذَا  
أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِقَوْمٍ سُوءًا فَلَا مَرَدَّ لَهُ ۚ وَمَا لَهُمْ  
مِّنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ وَّالٍ ۚ هُوَ الَّذِي يُرِيكُمُ الْبَرْقَ خَوْفًا  
وَّطَمَعًا وَيُنْشِئُ السَّحَابَ الثِّقَالَ ۚ وَيُسَبِّحُ الرَّعْدُ  
بِحَمْدِهِ ۚ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ مِنْ خِيفَتِهِ ۚ وَيُرْسِلُ  
الصَّوَاعِقَ فَيُصِيبُ بِهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُمْ يُجَادِلُونَ  
فِي اللَّهِ ۚ وَهُوَ شَدِيدُ الْحَالِ ۚ لَهُ دَعْوَةُ الْحَقِّ ۖ  
وَالَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ لَا يَسْتَجِيبُونَ لَهُمْ  
بَشَيْءٍ إِلَّا كَبَاسِطٌ كَفِّيهِ إِلَى الْمَاءِ لِيَبْلُغَ فَاهُ وَمَا  
هُوَ بِبَالِغِهِ ۖ وَمَا دُعَاءُ الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ ۚ  
وَلِلَّهِ يَسْجُدُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ طَوْعًا وَكَرْهًا  
وَظِلَالُهُمْ بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْأَصَالِ ۚ ۝ قُلْ مَنْ رَبُّ  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ قُلِ اللَّهُ ۖ قُلْ أَفَاتَّخَذْتُمْ مِنْ

دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ

مَنْزِلَ ٢

#### Almighty Allah or Powerless a Allah?

16. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth?"

463 Hope of rain and fear of torment.

464 lit.. prostrate. Meaning, all beings submit to His Will.

دُونَهُ أَوْلِيَاءَ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ لِأَنفُسِهِمْ نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا ط  
 قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَىٰ وَالْبَصِيرَةُ أَمْ هَلْ تَسْتَوِي  
 الظُّلُمَاتُ وَالنُّورُ أَمْ جَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ شُرَكَاءَ خَلَقُوا  
 كَخَلْقِهِ فَتَشَابَهَ الْخَلْقُ عَلَيْهِمْ ط قُلِ اللَّهُ خَالِقُ  
 كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ ﴿١٤﴾ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ  
 مَاءً فَسَالَتْ أَوْدِيَةٌ بِقَدَرِهَا فَاحْتَمَلَ السَّيْلُ  
 زَبَدًا رَابِيًا ط وَمِمَّا يُوقِدُونَ عَلَيْهِ فِي النَّارِ  
 ابْتِغَاءَ حِلْيَةٍ أَوْ مَتَاعٍ زَبَدٌ مِثْلُهُ ط كَذَلِكَ يَضْرِبُ  
 اللَّهُ الْحَقَّ وَالْبَاطِلَ ه فَاثَا الرَّبْدُ فَيَذْهَبُ جُفَاءً ه  
 وَأَمَّا مَا يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ فَيَمْكُثُ فِي الْأَرْضِ ط كَذَلِكَ  
 يَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَالَ ﴿١٥﴾ لِلَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ  
 الْحُسْنَىٰ ط وَالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَهُ لَوْ أَنَّ لَهُمْ مَا  
 فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا وَمِثْلَهُ مَعَهُ لَا فُتَدُوا بِهِ ط

Say, "Allah!" Ask 'them', "Why then have you taken besides Him lords who cannot even benefit or protect themselves?" Say, "Can the blind and the sighted be equal? Or can darkness and light be equal?"<sup>465</sup> Or have they associated with Allah partners who 'supposedly' produced a creation like His, leaving them confused between the two creations? Say, "Allah is the Creator of all things, and He is the One, the Supreme."

#### Parable of Truth and Falsehood

17. He sends down rain from the sky, causing the valleys to flow, each according to its capacity. The currents then carry along rising foam, similar to the slag produced from metal that people melt in the fire for ornaments or tools. This is how Allah compares truth to falsehood. The 'worthless' residue is then cast away, but what benefits people remains on the earth. This is how Allah sets forth parables.

#### Blindness to the Truth

18. Those who respond to 'the call' of their Lord will have the finest reward. As for those who do not respond to Him, even if they were to possess everything in the world twice over, they would certainly offer it to ransom themselves.

وَقُلْ لِلَّهِ الْحُكْمُ



مِثْقَاهُ وَيَقْطَعُونَ مَا أَمَرَ اللَّهُ بِهِ أَنْ يُوصَلَ  
وَيُفْسِدُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمُ اللَّعْنَةُ وَلَهُمْ  
سُوءُ الدَّارِ ﴿٢٥﴾ اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ  
وَفَرِحُوا بِالْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ۚ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا فِي  
الْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا مَتَاعٌ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَيَقُولُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْلَا  
أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ ۖ قُلْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُضِلُّ مَنْ  
يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي إِلَيْهِ مَنْ أَنْابَ ﴿٢٧﴾ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۚ أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ  
تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ ﴿٢٨﴾ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
طُوبَىٰ لَهُمْ وَحُسْنُ مَآبٍ ﴿٢٩﴾ كَذَٰلِكَ أَرْسَلْنَاكَ فِي  
أُمَّةٍ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهَا أُمَمٌ لَتَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمُ  
الَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ وَهُمْ يَكْفُرُونَ بِالرَّحْمَنِ ۖ قُلْ  
هُوَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ

break whatever 'ties' Allah has ordered to be maintained, and spread corruption in the land—it is they who will be condemned and will have the worst abode.<sup>467</sup>

### Worldly Delusions

26. Allah gives abundant or limited provisions to whoever He wills. And the disbelievers become prideful of 'the pleasures of' this worldly life. But the life of this world, compared to the Hereafter, is nothing but a fleeting enjoyment.

### Remembrance of Allah

27. The disbelievers say, "If only a sign could be sent down to him from his Lord."<sup>468</sup> Say, 'O Prophet,' "Indeed, Allah leaves to stray whoever He wills, and guides to Himself whoever turns to Him—  
28. those who believe and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah. Surely in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find comfort. 29. Those who believe and do good, for them will be bliss and an honourable destination."

### Denying the Most Compassionate

30. And so We have sent you 'O Prophet' to a community, like 'We did with' earlier communities, so that you may recite to them what We have revealed to you. Yet they deny the Most Compassionate.<sup>469</sup> Say, "He is my Lord! There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. In Him I put my trust,

467 i.e., the Hellfire.

468 The disbelievers demanded a tangible miracle such as the staff of Moses.

469 See 17:110 and 25:60.

and to Him I turn "in repentance".

### Deniers Will Always Deny

31. If there were a recitation that could cause mountains to move, or the earth to split, or the dead to speak, "it would have been this Quran". But all matters are by Allah's Will. Have the believers not yet realized that had Allah willed, He could have guided all of humanity? And disasters will continue to afflict the disbelievers or strike close to their homes for their misdeeds, until Allah's promise comes to pass. Surely Allah never fails in His promise.

32. Other messengers had already been ridiculed before you, but I delayed the disbelievers "for a while" then seized them. And how "horrible" was My punishment!

### Falsehood Made Appealing

33. Is "there any equal to" the Vigilant One Who knows what every soul commits? Yet the pagans have associated others with Allah "in worship". Say, "O Prophet," "Name them! Or do you 'mean to' inform Him of something He does not know on the earth? Or are these 'gods' just empty words?" In fact, the disbelievers' falsehood has been made so appealing to them that they have been turned away from the Path. And whoever Allah leaves to stray will be left with no guide.

مَتَابِ ٣١ وَلَوْ أَنَّ قُرْآنًا سُيِّرَتْ بِهِ الْجِبَالُ أَوْ  
قُطِعَتْ بِهِ الْأَرْضُ أَوْ كَلِمَ بِهِ الْمَوْتَى ٥ بَلْ لِلَّهِ  
الْأَمْرُ جَمِيعًا ٥ أَفَلَمْ يَأْتِئِسَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ لَوْ  
يَشَاءُ اللَّهُ لَهْدَى النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا ٥ وَلَا يَزَالُ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا تُصِيبُهُمْ بِمَا صَنَعُوا قَارِعَةٌ أَوْ تَحُلُّ  
قَرِيبًا مِّنْ دَارِهِمْ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ وَعْدُ اللَّهِ ٥ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
لَا يُخْلِفُ الْوَعْدَ ٣٢ وَلَقَدْ اسْتَهْزَيْ بِرُسُلٍ مِّنْ  
قَبْلِكَ فَأَمَلَيْتُ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثُمَّ أَخَذْتُهُمْ فَتَ  
فَكَيْفَ كَانَ عِقَابِ ٣٣ أَفَمِنْ هُوَ قَائِمٌ عَلَى كُلِّ نَفْسٍ  
بِمَا كَسَبَتْ ٥ وَجَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ شُرَكَاءَ ٥ قُلْ سَمُّوهُمْ ٥  
أَمْ تُنَبِّئُونَهُ بِمَا لَا يَعْلَمُ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَمْ بَظَاهِرٍ مِّنَ  
الْقَوْلِ ٥ بَلْ زُيِّنَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مَكْرُهُمْ وَصُدُّوا  
عَنِ السَّبِيلِ ٥ وَمَنْ يُضِلِلِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ هَادٍ ٣٤

لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ

مَثَلُ ٣



لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَلَعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةِ أَشَقُّ ۚ  
وَمَا لَهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَاقٍ ۖ ﴿٣٦﴾ مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي  
وُعِدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ ۖ تَجْرَى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۖ أُكْلُهَا  
دَائِمٌ وَظِلُّهَا ۖ تِلْكَ عُقْبَى الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا ۖ وَعُقْبَى  
الْكَافِرِينَ النَّارُ ۖ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّيْنَهُمُ الْكِتَابُ يَفْرَحُونَ  
بِمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمِنَ الْأَحْزَابِ مَنْ يُنْكِرُ بَعْضَهُ ۖ  
قُلْ إِنَّمَا أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ وَلَا أُشْرِكَ بِهِ ۖ  
إِلَيْهِ أَدْعُوا وَإِلَيْهِ مَآبٍ ۖ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَكَذَلِكَ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ  
حُكْمًا عَرَبِيًّا ۖ وَلَئِنْ اتَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بَعْدَ مَا  
جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ مَا لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا  
وَاقٍ ۖ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِّن قَبْلِكَ وَجَعَلْنَا  
لَهُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَذُرِّيَّةً ۖ وَمَا كَانَ لِرَسُولٍ أَنْ  
يَأْتِيَ بِآيَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۖ لِكُلِّ أَجَلٍ كِتَابٌ ۖ ﴿٤٠﴾

34. For them is punishment in this worldly life, but the punishment of the Hereafter is truly far worse. And none can shield them from Allah.

#### Paradise Described

35. The description of the Paradise promised to the righteous is that under it rivers flow; eternal is its fruit as well as its shade. That is the 'ultimate' outcome for the righteous. But the outcome for the disbelievers is the Fire!

#### Embracing the Quran

36. 'The believers among' those who were given the Scripture rejoice at what has been revealed to you 'O Prophet', while some 'disbelieving' factions deny a portion of it. Say, "I have only been commanded to worship Allah, associating none with Him 'in worship'. To Him I invite 'all', and to Him is my return." 37. And so We have revealed it as an authority in Arabic. And if you were to follow their desires after 'all' the knowledge that has come to you, there would be none to protect or shield you from Allah.

#### The Last of Many

38. We have certainly sent messengers before you 'O Prophet' and blessed them with wives and offspring. It was not for any messenger to bring a sign without Allah's permission. Every destined matter has a 'set' time.

39. Allah eliminates and confirms what He wills, and with Him is the Master Record.<sup>470</sup>

#### *Deliver, Not Judge*

40. Whether We show you 'O Prophet' some of what We threaten them with, or cause you to die 'before that', your duty is only to deliver 'the message'. Judgment is for Us.

#### *Warning to the Pagans*

41. Do they not see that We gradually reduce their land from its borders? Allah decides—none can reverse His decision. And He is swift in reckoning. 42. Those "disbelievers" before them "secretly" planned, but Allah has the ultimate plan. He knows what every soul commits. And the disbelievers will soon know who will have the ultimate outcome. 43. The disbelievers say, "You 'Muhammad' are no messenger." Say, 'O Prophet,' "Allah is sufficient as a Witness between me and you, as is whoever has knowledge of the Scripture."



#### *14. Abraham (Ibrāhīm)*

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### *Warning to the Disbelievers*

1. *Alif-Lām-Rā*. 'This is' a Book which We have revealed to you 'O Prophet' so that you may lead people out of darkness and into light.

يَبْحُوا اللَّهَ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيُثَبِّتُ ۖ وَعِنْدَهُ أُمُّ  
الْكِتَابِ ۝ وَإِنْ مَا نُرِيَنَّكَ بَعْضَ الَّذِي  
نَعِدُهُمْ أَوْ نَتَوَفَّيَنَّكَ فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلْغُ وَعَلَيْنَا  
الْحِسَابُ ۝ أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا نَأْتِي الْأَرْضَ نَنْقُصُهَا  
مِنْ أَطْرَافِهَا ۚ وَاللَّهُ يَحْكُمُ لَا مُعَقِّبَ لِحُكْمِهِ ۚ  
وَهُوَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ۝ وَقَدْ مَكَرَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ  
قَبْلِهِمْ فَلِلَّهِ الْبَكْرُ جَمِيعًا ۚ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَكْسِبُ كُلُّ  
نَفْسٍ ۚ وَسَيَعْلَمُ الْكُفْرُ لِمَنْ عُقْبَى الدَّارِ ۝ وَيَقُولُ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَسْتَ مُرْسَلًا ۚ قُلْ كَفَى بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا  
بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمْ ۚ وَمَنْ عِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ الْكِتَابِ ۝

إِنَّمَا هِيَ ٥٢ ﴿١٣﴾ سُوْرَةُ اِبْرَاهِيْمَ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿٤٢﴾ ﴿كُوْنَا مِنْهَا ٤﴾  
بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ۝

الرَّسُكْتُبُ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ لِتُخْرِجَ النَّاسَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ

إِلَى النُّورِ

مَنْزِلٌ ٢

470 This refers to the Preserved Tablet, *Al-Lawh Al-Mahfūz*, in which Allah has written the destiny of His entire creation.

إِلَى التَّوْرَةِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ إِلَى صِرَاطِ الْعَزِيزِ  
 الْحَكِيمِ ۝ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي  
 الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَوَيْلٌ لِّلْكَافِرِينَ مِنْ عَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ ۝  
 الَّذِينَ يَسْتَحِبُّونَ الْحَيٰوةَ الدُّنْيَا عَلَى الْآخِرَةِ  
 وَيَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَيَبْغُوثَهَا عِوَجًا ۖ  
 أُولَٰئِكَ فِي ضَلٰلٍ بَعِيدٍ ۝ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ  
 إِلَّا بِلِسَانٍ قَوْمِهِ لِيُبَيِّنَ لَهُمْ ۖ فَيُضِلَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَشَآءُ  
 وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَآءُ ۖ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ۝ وَلَقَدْ  
 أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ بِآيَاتِنَا أَنْ أَخْرِجْ قَوْمَكَ مِنَ الظُّلُمٰتِ  
 إِلَى النُّورِ ۖ وَذَكِّرْهُمْ بِآيٰتِنَا ۖ إِنَّ فِي ذٰلِكَ  
 لَآيٰتٍ لِّكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ ۝ وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ  
 اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ أَنْجَاكُمْ مِنْ آلِ  
 فِرْعَوْنَ يَسُومُونَكُمْ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ وَيَدُبُّونَ

by the Will of their Lord, to the Path of the Almighty, the Praiseworthy—2. Allah, to Whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And woe to the disbelievers because of a severe torment! 3. "They are" the ones who favour the life of this world over the Hereafter and hinder "others" from the Way of Allah, striving to make it "appear" crooked. It is they who have gone far astray.

#### *Delivering the Message*

4. We have not sent a messenger except in the language of his people to clarify "the message" for them. Then Allah leaves whoever He wills to stray and guides whoever He wills. And He is the Almighty, All-Wise.

#### *Prophet Moses*

5. Indeed, We sent Moses with Our signs, "ordering him," "Lead your people out of darkness and into light, and remind them of Allah's days 'of favour'." Surely in this are signs for whoever is steadfast, grateful. 6. "Consider" when Moses said to his people, "Remember Allah's favour upon you when He rescued you from the people of Pharaoh,

who afflicted you with dreadful torment—slaughtering your sons and keeping your women. That was a severe test from your Lord. 7. And 'remember' when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful, I will certainly give you more. But if you are ungrateful, surely My punishment is severe.'"<sup>471</sup> 8. Moses said 'to his people', "If you along with everyone on earth were to be ungrateful, then 'know that' Allah is indeed Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy."

#### Warning to the Pagans of Mecca

9. Have you not 'already' received the stories of those who were before you: the people of Noah, 'Âd, Thamûd, and those after them? Only Allah knows how many they were. Their messengers came to them with clear proofs, but they put their hands over their mouths<sup>471</sup> and said, "We totally reject what you have been sent with, and we are certainly in alarming doubt about what you are inviting us to."

#### Disbelievers' Arguments

10. Their messengers asked 'them', "Is there any doubt about Allah, the Originator of the heavens and the earth? He is inviting you in order to forgive your sins, and delay your end until your appointed term."<sup>472</sup> They argued, "You are no more than humans like us!

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا

إِلَهُكُمْ

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا

تَرْيَدُونَ

مَرْسَلًا

<sup>471</sup> This can mean that the disbelievers bit their own hands in rage, or they covered their own mouths mockingly, or that they put their hands over their messengers' mouths to silence them.

<sup>472</sup> It is out of Allah's mercy that He does not hasten your punishment but delays your death until your destined time.

تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَصُدُّونَا عَمَّا كَانَ يَعْبُدُ آبَاؤُنَا  
 فَاتُونَا بِسُلْطَانٍ مُبِينٍ ١٠ قَالَتْ لَهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ إِنْ نَحْنُ  
 إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُكُمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَمُنُّ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ  
 مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ١١ وَمَا كَانَ لَنَا أَنْ نَأْتِيَكُمْ بِسُلْطَانٍ  
 إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ١٢ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ١١  
 وَمَا لَنَا أَلَّا نَتَوَكَّلَ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَقَدْ هَدَانَا سُبُلَنَا ١٢  
 وَلَنَصْبِرَنَّ عَلَى مَا آذَيْتُمُونَا ١٣ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ  
 الْمُتَوَكِّلُونَ ١٤ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِرُسُلِهِمْ  
 لَنُخْرِجَنَّكُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِنَا أَوْ لَتَعُولُنَّ فِي مِلَّتِنَا ١٤  
 فَأَوْحَى إِلَيْهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ لَنُهْلِكَنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ ١٥  
 وَلَنُسَكِّنَنَّكُمْ الْأَرْضَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ ١٥ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ خَافَ  
 مَقَامِي وَخَافَ وَعِيدِ ١٦ وَاسْتَفْتَحُوا وَخَابَ كُلُّ  
 جَبَّارٍ عَنِيدٍ ١٧ مَنْ وَرَايَهُ جَهَنَّمَ وَیُسْقَى مِنْ مَاءٍ

You "only" wish to turn us away from what our forefathers worshipped. So bring us some compelling proof."

11. Their messengers said to them, "We are "indeed" only humans like you, but Allah favours whoever He chooses of His servants. It is not for us to bring you any proof without Allah's permission. And in Allah let the believers put their trust. 12. Why should we not put our trust in Allah, when He has truly guided us to "the very best of" ways? Indeed, we will patiently endure whatever harm you may cause us. And in Allah let the faithful put their trust."

#### Disbelievers' Fate

13. The disbelievers then threatened their messengers, "We will certainly expel you from our land, unless you return to our faith." So their Lord revealed to them, "We will surely destroy the wrongdoers, 14. and make you reside in the land after them. This is for whoever is in awe of standing before Me and fears My warning." 15. And both sides called for judgment, so every stubborn tyrant was doomed. 16. Awaiting them is Hell,

and they will be left to drink oozing pus, 17. which they will sip with difficulty, and can hardly swallow. Death will overwhelm them from every side, yet they will not 'be able to' die. Awaiting them still is harsher torment.

#### Wasted Deeds

18. The parable of the deeds of those who disbelieve in their Lord is that of ashes fiercely blown away by wind on a stormy day. They will gain nothing from what they have earned. That is 'truly' the farthest one can stray.

#### A Reminder to Humanity

19. Have you not seen that Allah created the heavens and the earth for a reason? If He wills, He can eliminate you and produce a new creation. 20. And that is not difficult for Allah 'at all'.

#### Disbelievers Disowning Each Other

21. They will all appear before Allah, and the lowly 'followers' will appeal to the arrogant 'leaders', "We were your 'dedicated' followers, so will you 'then' protect us from Allah's torment in any way?" They will reply, "Had Allah guided us, we would have guided you. 'Now' it is all the same for us whether we suffer patiently or impatiently, there is no escape for us."

#### Satan's Talk<sup>473</sup>

22. And Satan will say 'to his followers' after the judgment has been passed,

صَدِيدٌ ١٧ يَتَجَرَّعُهُ وَلَا يَكَادُ يُسِغُهُ وَيَأْتِيهِ  
الْمَوْتُ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ وَمَا هُوَ بِمَيِّتٍ ط وَمِنْ  
وَرَائِهِ عَذَابٌ غَلِيظٌ ١٨ مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
بِرَبِّهِمْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ كَرَمَادٍ اشْتَدَّتْ بِهِ الرِّيحُ فِي  
يَوْمٍ عَاصِفٍ ط لَا يَقْدِرُونَ مِمَّا كَسَبُوا عَلَى شَيْءٍ ط  
ذَلِكَ هُوَ الصَّلَاةُ الْبَعِيدُ ١٩ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ خَلَقَ  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ ط إِنَّ يَشَاءُ يَذْهَبُكُمْ  
وَيَأْتِي بِخَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ ٢٠ وَ مَا ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ  
بِعَزِيزٍ ٢١ وَبَرَزُوا لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا فَقَالَ الضُّعَفَاءُ لِلَّذِينَ  
اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا كُنَّا لَكُمْ تَبَعًا فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُّعْتَدُونَ  
عَنَّا مِنْ عَذَابِ اللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ط قَالُوا لَوْ هَدَانَا  
اللَّهُ لَهَدَيْنَاكُمْ سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْنَا أَجْرَعْنَا أَمْ صَبَرْنَا مَا  
لَنَا مِنْ مَّحِيصٍ ٢٢ وَقَالَ الشَّيْطَانُ لَبَا قُضِيَ

الْأَمْرُ

مَثَلٌ

473 On the Day of Judgment, when the wicked realize that they are doomed, they will blame Satan for their great loss and will plead to him to do whatever he can to rescue them from the Hellfire. Satan will then stand up and deliver the speech quoted in this verse.

الْأَمْرَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَعَدَكُمْ وَعَدَ الْحَقِّ وَوَعَدْتُكُمْ  
 فَأَخْلَفْتُكُمْ ۖ وَمَا كَانَ لِي عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا  
 أَنْ دَعَوْتُكُمْ فَاسْتَجَبْتُمْ لِي ۚ فَلَا تَلُومُونِي وَتُلُومُوا  
 أَنْفُسَكُمْ ۖ مَا أَنَا بِبَصِيرِكُمْ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِبَصِيرِي ۖ إِنِّي  
 كَفَرْتُ بِمَا أَشْرَكْتُمُونِ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۚ إِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ  
 لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۝١٢ وَأُدْخِلَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا  
 الصَّالِحَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ  
 فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ تَحِيَّتُهُمْ فِيهَا سَلَامٌ ۝١٣ أَلَمْ تَرَ  
 كَيْفَ ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا كَلِمَةً طَيِّبَةً كَشَجَرَةٍ  
 طَيِّبَةٍ أَصْلُهَا ثَابِتٌ وَفَرْعُهَا فِي السَّمَاءِ ۝١٤  
 تُؤْتِي أُكْلَهَا كُلَّ حِينٍ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهَا ۖ وَيَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ  
 الْأَمْثَالَ لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ۝١٥ وَ مَثَلُ  
 كَلِمَةٍ خَبِيثَةٍ كَشَجَرَةٍ خَبِيثَةٍ اجْتُثَّتْ مِنْ

"Indeed, Allah has made you a true promise. I too made you a promise, but I failed you. I did not have any authority over you. I only called you, and you responded to me. So do not blame me; blame yourselves. I cannot save you, nor can you save me. Indeed, I denounce your previous association of me with Allah 'in loyalty'. Surely the wrongdoers will suffer a painful punishment."

#### Reward of the Believers

23. Those who believe and do good will be admitted into Gardens, under which rivers flow—to stay there forever by the Will of their Lord—where they will be greeted with "Peace!"

#### Parable of Good and Evil Words

24. Do you not see how Allah compares a good word to a good tree? Its root is firm and its branches reach the sky, 25. 'always' yielding its fruit in every season by the Will of its Lord. This is how Allah sets forth parables for the people, so perhaps they will be mindful. 26. And the parable of an evil word is that of an evil tree,

uprooted from the earth, having no stability.

### The Firm Word

27. Allah makes the believers steadfast with the firm Word 'of faith'<sup>474</sup> in this worldly life and the Hereafter. And Allah leaves the wrongdoers to stray. For Allah does what He wills.

### Reward of the Ungrateful

28. Have you not seen those 'disbelievers' who meet Allah's favours with ingratitude and lead their own people to their doom? 29. In Hell they will burn. What an evil place for settlement. 30. They set up equals to Allah to mislead 'others' from His Way. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Enjoy yourselves! Surely your destination is the Fire."

### Order to the Prophet

31. Tell My believing servants to establish prayer and donate from what We have provided for them—openly and secretly—before the arrival of a Day in which there will be no ransom or friendly connections.

### Allah's Favours

32. It is Allah Who created the heavens and the earth and sends down rain from the sky, causing fruits to grow as a provision for you. He has subjected the ships for your service, sailing through the sea by His command, and has subjected the rivers for you.

وَمَا أَسْرَىٰ ۚ ۝۳۲ ۚ ۝۳۱ ۚ ۝۳۰ ۚ ۝۲۹ ۚ ۝۲۸ ۚ ۝۲۷ ۚ ۝۲۶ ۚ ۝۲۵ ۚ ۝۲۴ ۚ ۝۲۳ ۚ ۝۲۲ ۚ ۝۲۱ ۚ ۝۲۰ ۚ ۝۱۹ ۚ ۝۱۸ ۚ ۝۱۷ ۚ ۝۱۶ ۚ ۝۱۵ ۚ ۝۱۴ ۚ ۝۱۳ ۚ ۝۱۲ ۚ ۝۱۱ ۚ ۝۱۰ ۚ ۝۹ ۚ ۝۸ ۚ ۝۷ ۚ ۝۶ ۚ ۝۵ ۚ ۝۴ ۚ ۝۳ ۚ ۝۲ ۚ ۝۱

فَوْقَ الْأَرْضِ مَا لَهَا مِنْ قَرَارٍ ۖ يُثَبِّتُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ

أَمَنُوا بِالْقَوْلِ الثَّابِتِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ ۖ

وَيُضِلُّ اللَّهُ الظَّالِمِينَ ۖ وَيَفْعَلُ اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ ۚ ۝۲۷

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ بَدَّلُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ كُفْرًا

وَأَحَلُّوا قَوْمَهُمْ دَارَ الْبَوَارِ ۖ جَهَنَّمَ ۖ يَصْلَوْنَهَا

وَبِئْسَ الْقَرَارُ ۖ وَجَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ أُنْدَادًا لِيُضِلَّوْا عَنْ

سَبِيلِهِ ۖ قُلْ تَتَّبِعُوا فَإِنَّ مَصِيرَكُمْ إِلَى النَّارِ ۖ قُلْ

لِعِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُنْفِقُوا

مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً مِّن قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ

يَوْمٌ لَا يَبِيعُ فِيهِ وَلَا خَلَلٌ ۖ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ

السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجَ

بِهِ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ رِزْقًا لَّكُمْ ۖ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمُ الْفُلَّ

لِتَجْرِيَ فِي الْبَحْرِ بِأَمْرِهِ ۖ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمُ الْأَنْهَارَ ۚ ۝۲۸

وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمُ

مَنْزِلَ ۳

474 That there is only one God worthy of worship.



وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمُ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ دَائِبَيْنِ ۖ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمُ  
 اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ ۖ وَآتَاكُم مِّنْ كُلِّ مَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُ ۖ وَإِن  
 تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ لَا تَحْصُوهَا ۗ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَظَلُومٌ  
 كَفَّارٌ ۚ وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ  
 آمِنًا وَاجْنُبْنِي وَبَنِيَّ أَنْ نَعْبُدَ الْأَصْنَامَ ۚ رَبِّ  
 إِنَّهُنَّ أَضْلَلْنَ كَثِيرًا ۖ مِّنَ النَّاسِ ۚ فَمَنْ تَبِعَنِي  
 فَإِنَّهُ مِنِّي ۚ وَمَنْ عَصَانِي فَإِنَّكَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ۝۳۶  
 رَبَّنَا إِنِّي أَسْكَنْتُ مِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي بُوَادٍ غَيْرِ ذِي زَرْعٍ  
 عِندَ بَيْتِكَ الْحَرَمِ ۖ رَبَّنَا لِيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ فَاجْعَلْ  
 أَفْئِدَةً مِّنَ النَّاسِ تَهْوِي إِلَيْهِمْ وَارْزُقْهُمْ مِّنَ  
 الثَّمَرَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَشْكُرُونَ ۝۳۷ رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ تَعْلَمُ  
 مَا نُخْفِي وَمَا نُعْلِنُ ۖ وَمَا يَخْفَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ  
 فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ ۝۳۸ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي

33. He has 'also' subjected for you the sun and the moon, both constantly orbiting, and has subjected the day and night for you. 34. And He has granted you all that you asked Him for. If you tried to count Allah's blessings, you would never be able to number them. Indeed humankind is truly unfair, 'totally' ungrateful.<sup>475</sup>

#### Abraham's Prayers

35. 'Remember' when Abraham prayed, "My Lord! Make this city 'of Mecca' secure, and keep me and my children away from the worship of idols. 36. My Lord! They have caused many people to go astray. So whoever follows me is with me, and whoever disobeys me—then surely You are 'still' All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 37. Our Lord! I have settled some of my offspring in a barren valley, near Your Sacred House, our Lord, so that they may establish prayer. So make the hearts of 'believing' people incline towards them and provide them with fruits, so perhaps they will be thankful. 38. Our Lord! You certainly know what we conceal and what we reveal. Nothing on earth or in heaven is hidden from Allah. 39. All praise is for Allah

<sup>475</sup> In this context, "humankind" refers only to those who deny Allah's favours.

who has blessed me with Ishmael and Isaac in my old age. My Lord is indeed the Hearer of 'all' prayers. 40. My Lord! Make me and those 'believers' of my descendants keep up prayer. Our Lord! Accept my prayers. 41. Our Lord! Forgive me, my parents, and the believers on the Day when the judgment will come to pass."

#### Warning to the Wicked

42. Do not think 'O Prophet' that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them until a Day when 'their' eyes will stare in horror— 43. rushing forth, heads raised, never blinking, hearts void. 44. And warn the people of the Day when the punishment will overtake 'the wicked among' them, and the wrongdoers will cry, "Our Lord! Delay us for a little while. We will respond to Your call and follow the messengers!" "It will be said, "Did you not swear before that you would never be removed 'to the next life'?" 45. You passed by the ruins of those 'destroyed peoples' who had wronged themselves.<sup>476</sup> It was made clear to you how We dealt with them, and We gave you 'many' examples. 46. They devised every plot,

وَهَبْ لِي عَلَى الْكِبَرِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ إِنَّ رَبِّي لَسَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ ﴿٣٩﴾ رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي ۖ رَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ ﴿٤٠﴾ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ ﴿٤١﴾ وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ اللَّهُ غَافِلًا عَمَّا يَعْمَلُ الظَّالِمُونَ ۚ إِنَّمَا يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ لِيَوْمٍ تَشْخَصُ فِيهِ الْأَبْصَارُ ﴿٤٢﴾ مُتَقَنِّعِي رُءُوسِهِمْ لَا يَرْتَدُّ إِلَيْهِمْ طَرْفُهُمْ ۚ وَأَفِئْتُهُمْ هَوَاءً ﴿٤٣﴾ وَأَنْذِرِ النَّاسَ يَوْمَ يَأْتِيهِمُ الْعَذَابُ فَيَقُولُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا رَبَّنَا أَخِّرْنَا إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ ۖ نَجِبْ دَعْوَتَكَ وَتَتَّبِعِ الرُّسُلَ ۗ أَوَلَمْ تَكُونُوا أَقْسَمْتُمْ مِّنْ قَبْلِ مَا لَكُم مِّنْ زَوَالٍ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَسَكَنتُمْ فِي مَسْكِنٍ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَتَبَيَّنَ لَكُم كَيْفَ فَعَلْنَا بِهِمْ وَضَرَبْنَا لَكُمُ الْآمَثَالَ ﴿٤٥﴾ وَقَدْ مَكَرُوا

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<sup>476</sup> Arab traders used to pass by the homes of some destroyed nations on their journeys to Syria and Yemen (such as 'Ād and Thamūd, respectively), stooping shortly for rest.

مَكْرَهُمْ وَعِنْدَ اللَّهِ مَكْرُهُمْ وَإِنْ كَانَ مَكْرُهُمْ

لِتَرْوُلَ مِنْهُ الْجِبَالُ ﴿٣٧﴾ فَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ اللَّهَ مُخْلِفَ

وَعْدِهِ رَسُولَهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ ذُو انْتِقَامٍ ﴿٣٨﴾ يَوْمَ

تُبدَّلُ الْأَرْضُ غَيْرَ الْأَرْضِ وَالسَّمَوَاتُ وَبَرَزُوا

لِلَّهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْقَهَّارِ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَتَرَى الْجُرِمِينَ يَوْمَئِذٍ

مُقَرَّنِينَ فِي الْأَصْفَادِ ﴿٤٠﴾ سَرَابِيلُهُمْ مِنْ قَطَرَانٍ

وَتَعْشَىٰ وُجُوهُهُمْ النَّارُ ﴿٤١﴾ لِيَجْزِيَ اللَّهُ كُلَّ

نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿٤٢﴾

هَذَا بَلَّغٌ لِلنَّاسِ وَلِيُنذِرُوا بِهِ وَلِيَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ مَا

هُوَ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ وَلِيَذَّكَّرَ أُولُوا الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿٤٣﴾

﴿١٥﴾ سُوْرَةُ الْحَجَرِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿٥٣﴾ ﴿تَوَعَّظْنَا ٦﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾

الرَّتِ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ وَقُرْآنٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿١﴾

↑ which was fully known to Allah, but their plotting was not enough to 'even' overpower mountains 'let alone God'.

#### Reward of the Wicked

47. So do not think 'O Prophet' that Allah will fail to keep His promise to His messengers. Allah is indeed Almighty, capable of punishment.
48. 'Watch for' the Day 'when' the earth will be changed into a different earth and the heavens as well, and all will appear before Allah—the One, the Supreme.
49. On that Day you will see the wicked bound together in chains, 50. with garments of tar, and their faces covered with flames.
51. As such, Allah will reward every soul for what it has committed. Surely Allah is swift in reckoning.

#### A Universal Message

52. This 'Quran' is a 'sufficient' message for humanity so that they may take it as a warning and know that there is only One God, and so that people of reason may be mindful.



#### 15. The Stone Valley (Al-Hijr)

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Warning to the Disbelievers

1. *Alif-Lām-Rā*. These are the verses of the Book; the clear Quran.



الْبَجَرَةُ الرَّالِيعِ عِيسَى (١٣)

2. "The day will come when" the disbelievers will certainly wish they had submitted "to Allah".<sup>477</sup> 3. "So" let them eat and enjoy themselves and be diverted by "false" hope, for they will soon know. 4. We have never destroyed a society without a destined term. 5. No people can advance their doom, nor can they delay it.

*The Pagans Mocking the Prophet*

6. They say, "O you to whom the Reminder<sup>478</sup> is revealed! You must be insane! 7. Why do you not bring us the angels, if what you say is true?" 8. We do not send the angels down except for a just cause, and then "the end of" the disbelievers will not be delayed. 9. It is certainly We Who have revealed the Reminder, and it is certainly We Who will preserve it.

*Committed to Disbelief*

10. Indeed, We sent messengers before you "O Prophet" among the groups of early peoples, 11. but no messenger ever came to them without being mocked. 12. This is how We allow disbelief "to steep" into the hearts of the wicked. 13. They would not believe in this "Quran" despite the "many" examples of those "destroyed" before. 14. And even if We opened for them a gate to heaven,

رَبِّمَا يُوَدُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْ كَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ ①  
ذُرُّهُمْ يَأْكُلُوا وَيَتَمَتَّعُوا وَيُلْهِهِمُ الْأَمَلُ فَسَوْفَ  
يَعْلَمُونَ ② وَمَا أَهْلَكْنَا مِنْ قَرْيَةٍ إِلَّا وَلَهَا  
كِتَابٌ مُعْلُومٌ ③ مَا تَسْبِقُ مِنْ أَمْرٍ أَجَلَهَا وَمَا  
يَسْتَأْخِرُونَ ④ وَقَالُوا يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِي نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ  
الذِّكْرُ إِنَّكَ لَمَجْنُونٌ ⑤ لَوْ مَا تَأْتِينَا بِالْمَلَائِكَةِ  
إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ⑥ مَا نُنْزِلُ الْمَلَائِكَةَ  
إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَمَا كَانُوا إِذَا مُنْظَرِينَ ⑦ إِنَّا نَحْنُ  
نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَفُظُونَ ⑧ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا  
مِنْ قَبْلِكَ فِي شَيْعِ الْأَوَّلِينَ ⑨ وَمَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ  
رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ⑩ كَذَلِكَ نَسْلُكُ  
فِي قُلُوبِ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ⑪ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ وَقَدْ خَلَتْ  
سُنَّةُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ⑫ وَلَوْ فَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ بَابًا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ

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477 lit., had been Muslims.

478 i.e., the Quran.

فَظَلُّوا فِيهِ يَعْرَجُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ لَقَالُوا إِنَّمَا سُكِّرَتْ  
 أَبْصَارُنَا بَلْ نَحْنُ قَوْمٌ مَسْحُورُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَلَقَدْ  
 جَعَلْنَا فِي السَّمَاءِ بُرُوجًا وَزَيَّنَّاهَا لِلنَّاظِرِينَ ﴿١٨﴾  
 وَحَفِظْنَاهَا مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْطَانٍ رَجِيمٍ ﴿١٩﴾ إِلَّا مَنْ اسْتَرَقَ  
 السَّمْعَ فَاتَّبَعَهُ شَهَابٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَالْأَرْضَ مَدَدْنَاهَا  
 وَأَلْقَيْنَا فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
 مَوْزُونٍ ﴿٢١﴾ وَجَعَلْنَا لَكُمْ فِيهَا مَعَاشٍ وَمَنْ  
 لَسْتُمْ لَهُ بِرَازِقِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾ وَإِنْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا عِنْدَنَا  
 خَزَائِنُهُ وَمَا نُنْزِلُهُ إِلَّا بِقَدَرٍ مَعْلُومٍ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَأَرْسَلْنَا  
 الرِّيحَ لَوَاقِحَ فَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَاسْتَفْيَضَتْ كُهُودُهُ  
 وَمَا أَنْتُمْ لَهُ بِخَازِنِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَإِنَّا لَنَحْنُ نُحْيِي  
 وَنُمِيتُ وَنَحْنُ الْوَارِثُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْنَا  
 الْمُسْتَقْدِمِينَ مِنْكُمْ وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْنَا الْمُسْتَأْخِرِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾

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through which they continued to ascend, 15. still they would say, "Our eyes have truly been dazzled! In fact, we must have been bewitched."

#### Divine Power

16. Indeed, We have placed constellations in the sky, and adorned it for all to see. 17. And We protected it from every accursed devil, 18. except the one eavesdropping, who is then pursued by a visible flare.<sup>479</sup> 19. As for the earth, We spread it out and placed upon it firm mountains, and caused everything to grow there in perfect balance. 20. And We made in it means of sustenance for you and others, who you do not provide for. 21. There is not any means 'of sustenance' whose reserves We do not hold, only bringing it forth in precise measure. 22. We send fertilizing winds, and bring down rain from the sky for you to drink. It is not you who hold its reserves. 23. Surely it is We Who give life and cause death. And We are the 'Eternal' Successor.<sup>480</sup> 24. We certainly know those who have gone before you and those who will come after 'you'.

479 Some jinn used to eavesdrop on the angels in heaven so they could disclose this information to their human associates. But this practice came to an end when the Prophet (ﷺ) was sent with the message of Islam. See 72:8-10.

480 Allah will remain eternally after all pass away.

25. Surely your Lord 'alone' will gather them together 'for judgment'. He is truly All-Wise, All-Knowing.

#### Creation of Adam

26. Indeed, We created man from sounding clay moulded from black mud. 27. As for the jinn, We created them earlier from smokeless fire. 28. 'Remember, O Prophet' when your Lord said to the angels, "I am going to create a human being from sounding clay moulded from black mud."<sup>481</sup> 29. So when I have fashioned him and had a spirit of My Own 'creation' breathed into him, fall down in prostration to him."

#### Satan's Defiance

30. So the angels prostrated all together— 31. but not *Iblis*,<sup>482</sup> who refused to prostrate with the others. 32. Allah asked, "O *Iblis*! What is the matter with you that you did not join others in prostration?" 33. He replied, "It is not for me to prostrate to a human You created from sounding clay moulded from black mud." 34. Allah commanded, "Then get out of Paradise, for you are truly cursed. 35. And surely upon you is condemnation until the Day of Judgment."

#### Satan's Appeal

36. Satan appealed, "My Lord! Then delay my end until the Day of their resurrection." 37. Allah said, "You will be delayed 38. until the appointed Day."

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وَأَنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ يُحْشِرُهُمْ إِنَّهُ حَكِيمٌ عَلِيمٌ ١٥ وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ صَلْصَالٍ مِنْ حَمِئٍ مَسْنُونٍ ١٦ وَالْجَانَّ خَلَقْنَاهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ مِنْ تَابِرِ السُّمُومِ ١٧ وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي خَالِقٌ بَشَرًا مِنْ صَلْصَالٍ مِنْ حَمِئٍ مَسْنُونٍ ١٨ فَإِذَا سَوَّيْتُهُ وَنَفَخْتُ فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِي فَقَعُوا لَهُ سَاجِدِينَ ١٩ فَسَجَدَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ كُلُّهُمْ أَجْمَعُونَ ٢٠ إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ ٢١ أَبَى أَنْ يَكُونَ مَعَ السَّاجِدِينَ ٢٢ قَالَ يَا إِبْلِيسُ مَا لَكَ أَلَّا تَكُونَ مَعَ السَّاجِدِينَ ٢٣ قَالَ لَمْ أَكُنْ لَأَسْجُدَ لِبَشَرٍ خَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ صَلْصَالٍ مِنْ حَمِئٍ مَسْنُونٍ ٢٤ قَالَ فَاخْرُجْ مِنْهَا فَإِنَّكَ رَجِيمٌ ٢٥ وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكَ اللَّعْنَةَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ٢٦ قَالَ رَبِّ فَأَنْظِرْنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ ٢٧ قَالَ فَإِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنْظَرِينَ ٢٨ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْوَقْتِ الْمَعْلُومِ

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481 This does not contradict other verses that say Adam was created out of dust and those that say he was made out of mud. Adam was created in stages: first from dust, which was later turned into mud, then clay. This is similar to saying: I made a loaf of bread out of grain, or flour, or dough.

482 See footnote for 2:34.

الْمَعْلُومُ ٣٨ قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأُزَيِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ  
 فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا أُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ٣٩ إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ  
 مِنْهُمْ الْبَاطِلِينَ ٤٠ قَالَ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ عَلَيَّ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ٤١  
 إِنَّ عِبَادِي لَيْسَ لَكَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَانٌ إِلَّا مَنْ  
 اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْغَاوِينَ ٤٢ وَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمَوْعِدُهُمْ  
 أَجْمَعِينَ ٤٣ لَهَا سَبْعَةُ أَبْوَابٍ ٤٤ لِكُلِّ بَابٍ مِنْهُمْ  
 جُزْءٌ مَقْسُومٌ ٤٥ إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ ٤٦  
 ادْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ آمِينَ ٤٧ وَنَزَعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ  
 مِنْ غَلٍّ إِخْوَانًا عَلَى سُرُرٍ مُتَقَابِلِينَ ٤٨ لَا يَمَسُّهُمْ  
 فِيهَا نَصَبٌ وَمَا هُمْ مِنْهَا بِمُخْرَجِينَ ٤٩ نَبِيُّ عِبَادِي  
 أَنِّي أَنَا الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ٥٠ وَأَنَّ عَذَابِي هُوَ الْعَذَابُ  
 الْأَلِيمُ ٥١ وَنَبِّئُهُمْ عَنْ ضَيْفِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ٥٢ إِذْ دَخَلُوا  
 عَلَيْهِ فَقَالُوا سَلَامًا ٥٣ قَالَ إِنَّا مِنْكُمْ وَجِلُونَ ٥٤ قَالُوا

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39. Satan responded, "My Lord! For allowing me to stray I will surely tempt them on earth and mislead them all together, 40. except Your chosen servants among them." 41. Allah said, "This is the Way, binding on Me: 42. you will certainly have no authority over My servants, except the deviant who follow you, 43. and surely Hell is their destined place, all together. 44. It has seven gates, to each a group of them is designated."

#### The Righteous in Paradise

45. Indeed, the righteous will be amid Gardens and springs. 46. "It will be said to them, "Enter in peace and security." 47. We will remove whatever bitterness they had in their hearts.<sup>483</sup> In a friendly manner, they will be on thrones, facing one another. 48. No fatigue will touch them there, nor will they ever be asked to leave.

#### Allah's Grace and Torment

49. Inform My servants 'O Prophet' that I am truly the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful, 50. and that My torment is indeed the most painful.

#### Abraham Visited by Angels

51. And inform them 'O Prophet' about Abraham's guests 52. who entered upon him and greeted 'him with', "Peace!" He 'later' said, "Surely we are afraid of you."<sup>484</sup> 53. They

reassured 'him',

<sup>483</sup> i.e., the bitterness they had in their hearts towards other believers who wronged them in the worldly life.

<sup>484</sup> As mentioned in 11:69-70, the angels came to Abraham in the form of men and when he offered them food, they did not eat. In ancient Middle Eastern culture, if a guest refused to eat the food provided by their host, it was a sign of ill-will.

“Do not be afraid! Surely we give you good news of a knowledgeable son.” 54. He wondered, “Do you give me good news despite my old age? What unlikely news!” 55. They responded, “We give you good news in all truth, so do not be one of those who despair.” 56. He exclaimed, “Who would despair of the mercy of their Lord except the misguided?” 57. He ‘then’ added, “What is your mission, O messengers?” 58. They replied, “We have actually been sent to a wicked people. 59. As for the family of Lot, we will certainly deliver them all, 60. except his wife. We have determined that she will be one of the doomed.”

#### Lot Visited by Angels

61. So when the messengers came to the family of Lot, 62. he said, “You are surely an unfamiliar people!” 63. They responded, “We have come to you with that ‘torment’ which they have doubted. 64. We come to you with the truth, and we are certainly truthful. 65. So travel with your family in the dark of night, and follow ‘closely’ behind them. Do not let any of you look back, and go where you are commanded.” 66. We revealed to him this decree:

لَا تَوَجَلْ إِنَّا نُبَشِّرُكَ بِغُلَامٍ عَلِيمٍ ﴿٥٤﴾ قَالَ أَبَشِّرْهُنَّ عَلَىٰ أَن مَّسِّنِي إِلِكِبْرُفِيمَ تُبَشِّرُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ قَالُوا بَشِّرْنَا بِالْحَقِّ فَلَا تَكُن مِّنَ الْقَاطِئِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾ قَالَ وَمَنْ يَقْطَعُ مِّن رَّحْمَةِ رَبِّي إِلَّا الضَّالُّونَ ﴿٥٧﴾ قَالَ فَمَا خَطْبُكُمْ أَيُّهَا الْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾ قَالُوا إِنَّا أُرْسِلْنَا إِلَىٰ قَوْمٍ مُّجْرِمِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾ إِلَّا آلَ لُوطٍ إِنَّا لَنَجِّيهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾ إِلَّا امْرَأَتَهُ قَدَّرْنَا لِئَنهَا لَمِنَ الْغَابِرِينَ ﴿٦١﴾ فَلَمَّا جَاءَ آلَ لُوطٍ الْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾ قَالَ إِنَّكُمْ قَوْمٌ مُّنْكَرُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾ قَالُوا بَلْ جِئْنَاكَ بِمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾ وَآتَيْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ وَإِنَّا لَصَادِقُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾ فَأَسْرِ بِأَهْلِكَ بِقِطْعٍ مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ وَاتَّبِعْ أَدْبَارَهُمْ وَلَا يَلْتَفِتْ مِنْكُمْ أَحَدٌ وَامْضُوا حَيْثُ تُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾ وَقَضَيْنَا إِلَيْهِ ذَٰلِكَ الْأَمْرَ أَنَّ دَابِرَ هَٰؤُلَاءِ

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مَقْطُوعٌ مُصْبِحِينَ ﴿٦٦﴾ وَجَاءَ أَهْلُ الْمَدِينَةِ  
يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾ قَالَ إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ ضَيْفِي فَلَا  
تَفْضَحُونِ ﴿٦٨﴾ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُخْزُونِ ﴿٦٩﴾ قَالُوا أَوَلَمْ  
نَنْهَكَ عَنِ الْعَالِيَيْنِ ﴿٧٠﴾ قَالَ هَؤُلَاءِ بَنَاتِي إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
فَاعِلِينَ ﴿٧١﴾ لَعَنُوكَ إِنَّهُمْ لَفِي سَكْرَتِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾  
فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الصَّيْحَةُ مُشْرِقِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾ فَجَعَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمَا  
سَافِلَهَا وَأَمْطَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ حِجَارَةً مِّن سِجِّيلٍ ﴿٧٤﴾  
إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّلْمُتَوَسِّئِينَ ﴿٧٥﴾ وَإِنَّهَا لَبِسَبِيلٍ  
مُّقِيمٍ ﴿٧٦﴾ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٧٧﴾  
وَإِنْ كَانَ أَصْحَابُ الْأَيْكَةِ لَظَالِمِينَ ﴿٧٨﴾ فَانْتَقَسْنَا  
مِنْهُمْ وَإِنَّهُمَا لَبِإِمَامٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٧٩﴾ وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبَ  
أَصْحَابُ الْحِجْرِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿٨٠﴾ وَآتَيْنَاهُمُ آيَاتِنَا  
فَكَانُوا عَنْهَا مُعْرِضِينَ ﴿٨١﴾ وَكَانُوا يُنَجِّتُونَ

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“Those ‘sinners’ will be uprooted in the morning.”

#### *Destruction of the People of Lot*

67. And there came the men of the city, rejoicing. 68. Lot pleaded, “Indeed, these are my guests, so do not embarrass me. 69. Fear Allah and do not humiliate me.” 70. They responded, “Have we not forbidden you from protecting anyone?” 71. He said, “O my people! Here are my daughters<sup>485</sup> ‘so marry them’ if you wish to do so.” 72. By your life ‘O Prophet’,<sup>486</sup> they certainly wandered blindly, intoxicated ‘by lust’. 73. So the ‘mighty’ blast overtook them at sunrise. 74. And We turned the cities ‘of Sodom and Gomorrah’ upside down and rained upon them stones of baked clay. 75. Surely in this are signs for those who contemplate. 76. Their ruins still lie along a known route. 77. Surely in this is a sign for those who believe.

#### *The People of Shu’aib*

78. And the residents of the Forest were truly wrongdoers, 79. so We inflicted punishment upon them. The ruins of both nations still lie on a well-known road.

#### *The People of Sâlih*

80. Indeed, the residents of the Stone Valley also denied the messengers.<sup>487</sup>

81. We gave them Our signs, but

they turned away from them. 82. They carved their homes in the mountains,

485 Single women of his community.

486 This is the only time in the Quran where Allah swears by the life of a human being. Elsewhere Allah swears by the sun, the moon, the stars, and other marvels of His creation.

487 Denying Sâlih (س) was equal to denying all of Allah’s messengers.

feeling secure. 83. But the 'mighty' blast overtook them in the morning, 84. and all they achieved was of no help to them.

#### Advice to the Prophet

85. We have not created the heavens and the earth and everything in between except for a purpose. And the Hour is certain to come, so forgive graciously. 86. Surely your Lord is the Master Creator, All-Knowing. 87. We have certainly granted you the seven often-repeated verses<sup>488</sup> and the great Quran. 88. Do not let your eyes crave the 'fleeting' pleasures We have provided for some of the disbelievers, nor grieve for them. And be gracious to the believers.

#### More Advice to the Prophet

89. And say, "I am truly sent with a clear warning"— 90. 'a warning' similar to what We sent to those who divided 'the Scriptures', 91. who 'now' accept parts of the Quran, rejecting others. 92. So by your Lord! We will certainly question them all 93. about what they used to do. 94. So proclaim what you have been commanded, and turn away from the polytheists. 95. Surely We will be sufficient for you against the mockers,

مِنَ الْجِبَالِ بُيُوتًا أَمْنِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الصَّيْحَةُ مُصْبِحِينَ ﴿٨٨﴾ فَمَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾ وَمَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ ۖ وَإِنَّ السَّاعَةَ لَآتِيَةٌ ۖ فَاصْفَحِ الصَّفْحَ الْجَمِيلَ ﴿٩٠﴾ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ الْخَلَقُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٩١﴾ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَاكَ سَبْعًا مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ ۖ وَالْقُرْآنَ الْعَظِيمَ ﴿٩٢﴾ لَا تَمُدَّنَّ عَيْنَيْكَ إِلَىٰ مَا مَتَّعْنَا بِهِ أَزْوَاجًا مِّنْهُمْ وَلَا تَحْزَنْ عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ وَخَفِضْ جَنَاحَكَ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٩٣﴾ وَقُلْ إِنِّي أَنَا النَّذِيرُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٩٤﴾ كَمَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَى الْمُقْتَسِمِينَ ﴿٩٥﴾ الَّذِينَ جَعَلُوا الْقُرْآنَ عِضِينَ ﴿٩٦﴾ فَوَرَبِّكَ لَنَسْأَلَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٩٧﴾ عَمَّا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٨﴾ فَاصْدَعْ بِمَا تُؤْمَرُ ۖ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْبُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٩٩﴾ إِنَّا كَفَيْنَاكَ الْمُسْتَهْزِئِينَ ﴿١٠٠﴾

الَّذِينَ يَجْعَلُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ فَسَوْفَ يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾

وَلَقَدْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ يَضِيقُ صَدْرُكَ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾

فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَكُنْ مِنَ السَّاجِدِينَ ﴿٩٨﴾

وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ ﴿٩٩﴾

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﴿الْأَنْعَامُ ١٢٨﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ النَّحْلِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٤٠)﴾ ﴿تُورَاثُهَا ١٦﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَتَى أَمْرُ اللَّهِ فَلَا تَسْتَعْجِلُوهُ ۖ سُبْحَنَهُ وَتَعَالَى

عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ۚ يُنَزِّلُ الْمَلَائِكَةَ بِالرُّوحِ مِنْ

أَمْرِهِ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ أَنْ أَنْذِرُوا

أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاتَّقُونِ ۚ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ

وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ ۖ تَعَالَى عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ۚ خَلَقَ

الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ فَإِذَا هُوَ خَصِيمٌ مُبِينٌ ۚ

وَالْأَنْعَامَ خَلَقَهَا ۚ لَكُمْ فِيهَا دِفْءٌ وَمَنَافِعُ

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96. who set up 'other' gods with Allah. They will soon come to know.

### Allah Is the Refuge

97. We certainly know that your heart is truly distressed by what they say. 98. So glorify the praises of your Lord and be one of those who 'always' pray, 99. and worship your Lord until the inevitable<sup>489</sup> comes your way.



### 16. Bees (An-Nahl)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### Warning of Judgment

1. The command of Allah is at hand, so do not hasten it. Glorified and Exalted is He above what they associate 'with Him in worship'!

### Allah's Favours: 1) Divine Guidance

2. He sends down the angels with revelation by His command to whoever He wills of His servants, 'stating:' "Warn 'humanity' that there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Me, so be mindful of Me 'alone'."

### Favour 2) The Heavens and Earth

3. He created the heavens and the earth for a purpose. Exalted is He above what they associate with Him 'in worship'!

### Favour 3) Creation of Humans

4. He created humans from a sperm-drop, then—behold!—they openly challenge 'Him'.

#### Favour 4) Animals

5. And He created the cattle for you as a source of warmth, food, and 'many other' benefits. 6. They are also pleasing to you when you bring them home and when you take them out to graze. 7. And they carry your loads to 'distant' lands which you could not otherwise reach without great hardship. Surely your Lord is Ever Gracious, Most Merciful. 8. 'He also created' horses, mules, and donkeys for your transportation and adornment. And He creates what you do not know.

#### Favour 5) The Way of Islam

9. It is upon Allah 'alone' to 'clearly' show the Straight Way. Other ways are deviant. Had He willed, He would have easily imposed guidance upon all of you.

#### Favour 6) Water

10. He is the One Who sends down rain from the sky, from which you drink and by which plants grow for your cattle to graze. 11. With it He produces for you 'various' crops, olives, palm trees, grapevines, and every type of fruit. Surely in this is a sign for those who reflect.

#### Favour 7) Celestial Events

12. And He has subjected for your benefit the day and the night, the sun and the moon. And the stars have been subjected by His command. Surely in this are signs for those who understand.

وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ ٥ وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا جَبَالٌ حِينَ تُرْجُونَ  
وَحِينَ تَسْرَحُونَ ٦ وَتَحْمِلُ أَثْقَالَكُمْ إِلَىٰ بَلَدٍ  
لَّمْ تَكُونُوا بِلِغِيهِ إِلَّا بِشِقِّ الْأَنْفُسِ ٧ إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ  
لَرءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ ٨ وَالْخَيْلَ وَالْبِغَالَ وَالْجُمُذَ  
لِتَرْكَبُوهَا وَزِينَةً وَيَخْلُقُ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ٩ وَعَلَىٰ  
اللَّهِ قَصْدُ السَّبِيلِ وَمِنْهَا جَائِرٌ وَلَوْ شَاءَ  
لَهَدَاكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ١٠ هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ  
مَاءً لَكُمْ مِنْهُ شَرَابٌ وَمِنْهُ شَجَرٌ فِيهِ تُسِيمُونَ ١١  
يُنْبِتُ لَكُمْ بِهِ الزَّرْعَ وَالزَّيْتُونَ وَالنَّخِيلَ  
وَالْأَعْنَابَ وَمِنْ كُلِّ الشَّجَرِ ١٢ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً  
لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ١٣ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمُ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ  
وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ ١٤ وَالنُّجُومَ مُسَخَّرَاتٍ بِأَمْرِهِ ١٥ إِنَّ  
فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ١٦ وَمَا ذَرَأَ لَكُمْ

فِي الْأَرْضِ مُخْتَلِفًا أَلْوَانُهُ ۖ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً  
 لِّقَوْمٍ يَذَّكَّرُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ الْبَحْرَ  
 لِتَأْكُلُوا مِنْهُ لَحْمًا طَرِيًّا وَتَسْتَخْرِجُوا مِنْهُ  
 حِلْيَةً تَلْبَسُونَهَا ۚ وَتَرَى الْفُلْكَ مَوَازِيرَ فِيهِ  
 وَلِتَبْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۚ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ وَالَّتِي  
 فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَنْ تَمِيدَ بِكُمْ وَأَنْهَارًا وَسُبُلًا  
 لَّعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥﴾ وَعَلَمَاتٍ ۖ وَبِالنَّجْمِ هُمْ  
 يَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ أَفَمَنْ يَخْلُقُ كَمَنْ لَا يَخْلُقُ ۖ أَفَلَا  
 تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصَوْهَا ۚ  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٨﴾ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تُسْرُونَ  
 وَمَا تَعْلَنُونَ ﴿١٩﴾ وَالَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ  
 لَا يَخْلُقُونَ شَيْئًا وَهُمْ يُخْلَقُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ أَمْوَاتٌ  
 غَيْرُ أَحْيَاءٍ ۚ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ ۚ أَتَىٰ أَنْ يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

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## Favour 8) Other Creation

13. And "He subjected" for you whatever He has created on earth of varying colours.<sup>490</sup> Surely in this is a sign for those who are mindful.

## Favour 9) Seas

14. And He is the One Who has subjected the sea, so from it you may eat tender seafood and extract ornaments to wear. And you see the ships ploughing their way through it, so you may seek His bounty and give thanks "to Him".

## Favour 10) Natural Marvels

15. He has placed into the earth firm mountains, so it does not shake with you, as well as rivers, and pathways so you may find your way. 16. Also by landmarks and stars do people find their way.

## Almighty Allah or Powerless Allahs?

17. Can the One Who creates be equal to those who do not? Will you not then be mindful? 18. If you tried to count Allah's blessings, you would never be able to number them. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 19. And Allah knows what you conceal and what you reveal. 20. But those 'idols' they invoke besides Allah cannot create anything—they themselves are created. 21. They are dead, not alive—not even knowing when their followers will be

resurrected.

22. Your God is 'only' One God. As for those who do not believe in the Hereafter, their hearts are in denial, and they are too proud. 23. Without a doubt, Allah knows what they conceal and what they reveal. He certainly does not like those who are too proud.

### Reward of the Wicked

24. And when it is said to them, "What has your Lord revealed?" They say, "Ancient fables!" 25. Let them bear their burdens in full on the Day of Judgment as well as some of the burdens of those they mislead without knowledge. Evil indeed is what they will bear! 26. Indeed, those before them had plotted, but Allah struck at the 'very' foundation of their structure, so the roof collapsed on top of them, and the torment came upon them from where they did not expect.<sup>491</sup> 27. Then on the Day of Judgment He will humiliate them and say, "Where are My 'so-called' associate-gods for whose sake you used to oppose 'the believers'?" Those gifted with knowledge will say, "Surely disgrace and misery today are upon the disbelievers."

الْهَكْمُ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ ۚ فَالَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ  
قُلُوبُهُمْ مُنْكَرَةٌ وَهُمْ مُسْتَكْبِرُونَ ۝ (٢٢)  
أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا يُسِرُّونَ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَا  
يُحِبُّ الْمُسْتَكْبِرِينَ ۝ (٢٣)  
أَنْزَلَ رَبُّكُمْ ۚ قَالُوا أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ۝ (٢٤)  
أَوْزَارَهُمْ كَامِلَةٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۚ وَمِنْ أَوْزَارِ  
الَّذِينَ يَضَاوَنُهُمْ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ ۚ آلَا سَاءَ مَا يَزُرُونَ ۝ (٢٥)  
قَدْ مَكَرَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَآتَى اللَّهُ بُنْيَانَهُمْ  
مِنَ الْقَوَاعِدِ فَخَرَّ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّقْفُ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ  
وَاتَّهُمُ الْعَذَابُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ۝ (٢٦)  
الْقِيَمَةُ يُخْزِيهِمْ وَيَقُولُ أَيْنَ شُرَكَائِيَ الَّذِينَ  
كُنْتُمْ تُشَاقِقُونَ فِيهِمْ ۚ قَالَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ  
إِنَّ الْخِزْيَ الْيَوْمَ وَالسُّوءَ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ ۝ (٢٧)

491 This verse refers to a tyrant king who ordered the building of a tower so he can reach the heavens and fight Allah and the angels. Eventually the tower collapsed, leaving the tyrant crushed.

الَّذِينَ تَتَوَفَّيْهُمْ الْمَلَائِكَةُ ظَالِمِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ  
 فَالْقُوا السَّلَامَ مَا كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ مِنْ سُوءٍ ط بَلَى  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾ فَادْخُلُوا  
 أَبْوَابَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ط فَلَبِئْسَ مَثْوَى  
 الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَقِيلَ لِلَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا مَاذَا أَنْزَلَ  
 رَبُّكُمْ ط قَالُوا خَيْرٌ ط لِلَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا  
 حَسَنَةٌ ط وَلَدَارُ الْآخِرَةِ خَيْرٌ ط وَلَنِعْمَ دَارُ  
 الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾ جَنَّتٌ عَدْنٍ يَدْخُلُونَهَا يُجْرَى مِنْ  
 تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ لَهُمْ فِيهَا مَا يَشَاءُونَ ط كَذَلِكَ  
 يُجْزَى اللَّهُ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٤١﴾ الَّذِينَ تَتَوَفَّيْهُمْ الْمَلَائِكَةُ  
 طَيِّبِينَ ط يَقُولُونَ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ ط ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ  
 بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ هَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمُ  
 الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَوْيَاتٍ ط أَمْرُ رَبِّكَ ط كَذَلِكَ فَعَلَ

28. Those whose souls the angels seize while they wrong themselves will then offer 'full' submission 'and say falsely,' "We did not do any evil." "The angels will say," "No! Surely Allah fully knows what you used to do.  
 29. So enter the gates of Hell, to stay there forever. Indeed, what an evil home for the arrogant!"

#### Reward of the Righteous

30. And 'when' it is said to those mindful 'of Allah', "What has your Lord revealed?" They say, "All the best!" For those who do good in this world, there is goodness. But far better is the 'eternal' Home of the Hereafter. How excellent indeed is the home of the righteous: 31. the Gardens of Eternity which they will enter, under which rivers flow. In it they will have whatever they desire. This is how Allah rewards the righteous— 32. those whose souls the angels take while they are virtuous, saying 'to them', "Peace be upon you! Enter Paradise for what you used to do."

#### Warning to Pagan Deniers

33. Are they only awaiting the coming of the angels or the command of your Lord 'O Prophet'?

So were those before them. And Allah never wronged them, but it was they who wronged themselves. 34. Then the evil 'consequences' of their deeds overtook them, and they were overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule.

*False Argument*

35. The polytheists argue, "Had Allah willed, neither we nor our forefathers would have worshipped anything other than Him, nor prohibited anything without His command." So did those before them. Is not the messengers' duty only to deliver 'the message' clearly?

*Same Fate*

36. We surely sent a messenger to every community, saying, "Worship Allah and shun false gods." But some of them were guided by Allah, while others were destined to stray. So travel throughout the land and see the fate of the deniers! 37. Even though you 'O Prophet' are keen on their guidance, Allah certainly does not guide those He leaves to stray, and they will have no helpers.

*The Resurrection*

38. They swear by Allah their most solemn oaths that Allah will never raise the dead to life.

الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۖ وَمَا ظَلَمَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَلَٰكِنْ  
كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ فَأَصَابَهُمْ سَيِّئَاتُ مَا  
عَمِلُوا وَحَاقَ بِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾  
وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا لَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا عَبَدْنَا مِنْ دُونِهِ  
مِنْ شَيْءٍ نَّحْنُ وَلَا آبَاؤُنَا وَلَا حَرَمْنَا مِنْ دُونِهِ  
مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۚ كَذٰلِكَ فَعَلَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۚ فَهَلْ  
عَلَى الرُّسُلِ إِلَّا الْبَلٰغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا  
فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَّسُولًا أَنْ اْعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا  
الطَّاغُوتَ ۚ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ هَدَى اللَّهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ  
حَقَّتْ عَلَيْهِ الضَّلٰلَةُ ۚ فَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْكَٰذِبِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾  
إِنْ تَحْرِصْ عَلَى هُدَاهُمْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي مَنْ  
يُضِلُّ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِنْ نَّاصِرِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَأَقْسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ جَهْدَ



أَيْمَانِهِمْ لَا يَبْعَثُ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَمُوتُ ۖ بَلَىٰ وَعْدًا  
 عَلَيْهِ حَقًّا وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾  
 لِيَبَيِّنَ لَهُمُ الَّذِي يُخْتَلَفُونَ فِيهِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ الَّذِينَ  
 كَفَرُوا أَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا كَذِبِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾ إِنَّمَا قَوْلُنَا لِشَيْءٍ  
 إِذَا أَرَدْنَاهُ أَنْ نَقُولَ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ  
 هَاجَرُوا فِي اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا ظَلَمُوا لَنُبَوِّئَهُمْ  
 فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً ۖ وَلَا جَزَاءَ الْآخِرَةِ أَكْبَرُ لَوْ كَانُوا  
 يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾ الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾  
 وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ إِلَّا رِجَالًا نُوْحِيْ إِلَيْهِمْ  
 فَسَأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾  
 بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالزُّبُرِ ۖ وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الذِّكْرَ لِتُبَيِّنَ  
 لِلنَّاسِ مَا نُزِّلَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾  
 أَقَامِنَ الَّذِينَ مَكَرُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ أَنْ يَخْسِفَ اللَّهُ

↑ Yes 'He will'! It is a true promise binding on Him, but most people do not know. 39. 'He will do that' to make clear to them what they disagreed on, and for the disbelievers to know that they were liars. 40. If We ever will something 'to exist', all We say is: "Be!" And it is!

#### Reward of the Steadfast

41. As for those who emigrated in 'the cause of' Allah after being persecuted, We will surely bless them with a good home in this world. But the reward of the Hereafter is far better, if only they knew. 42. 'It is' they who have patiently endured, and in their Lord they put their trust.

#### Messengers Are Not Angels

43. We did not send 'messengers' before you 'O Prophet' except mere men inspired by Us. If you 'polytheists' do not know 'this already', then ask those who have knowledge 'of the Scriptures'. 44. 'We sent them' with clear proofs and divine Books. And We have sent down to you 'O Prophet' the Reminder, so that you may explain to people what has been revealed for them, and perhaps they will reflect.

#### Warning to the Wicked

45. Do those who devise evil plots feel secure that Allah will not cause the earth to swallow them?

Or that the torment will not come upon them in ways they cannot comprehend? 46. Or that He will not seize them while they go about 'their day', for then they will have no escape? 47. Or that He will not destroy them gradually? But your Lord is truly Ever Gracious, Most Merciful.

#### Everything Submits to Allah

48. Have they not considered how the shadows of everything Allah has created incline to the right and the left 'as the sun moves', totally submitting to Allah in all humility? 49. And to Allah 'alone' bows down 'in submission'<sup>492</sup> whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth of living creatures, as do the angels—who are not too proud 'to do so'. 50. They<sup>493</sup> fear their Lord above them, and do whatever they are commanded.

#### One God Alone

51. And Allah has said, "Do not take two gods. There is only One God. So be in awe of Me 'alone'." 52. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth, and to Him 'alone' is the everlasting devotion. Will you then fear any other than Allah?

#### Ingratitude to Allah

53. Whatever blessings you have are from Allah. Then whenever hardship touches you, to Him 'alone' you cry 'for help'. 54. Then as soon as He removes the hardship from you,

بِهِمُ الْأَرْضَ أَوْ يَأْتِيَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾ أَوْ يَأْخُذْهُمْ فِي تَقَلُّبِهِمْ فَمَا هُمْ بِمُعْجِزِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾ أَوْ يَأْخُذْهُمْ عَلَى تَخَوُّفٍ ۖ فَإِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ لَرَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٤٨﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ يَتَفَيَّؤُا ظِلُّهُ عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَالشَّمَائِلِ سُجَّدًا لِلَّهِ وَهُمْ دَاخِرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ وَلِلَّهِ يَسْجُدُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَهُمْ لَا يُسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾ يَخَافُونَ رَبَّهُمْ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ وَقَالَ اللَّهُ لَا تَتَّخِذُوا إِلَهَيْنِ اثْنَيْنِ ۚ إِنَّمَا هُوَ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ ۚ فَإِذَا تَوَلَّى فَرَهِبُونِ ﴿٥٢﴾ وَلَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَهُ الدِّينُ وَاصِبًا ۖ أَفَغَيْرَ اللَّهِ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَمَا يَكُم مِّنْ نِّعْمَةٍ فَمِنَ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ إِذَا مَسَّكُمُ الضُّرُّ فَإِلَيْهِ تَجْعَرُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾ ثُمَّ إِذَا كُشِفَ الضُّرُّ عَنْكُمْ إِذَا

فَرِيقٌ مِّنْكُمْ

مَنْزِلٌ

492 lit., prostrates.

493 The angels.

فَرِيقٌ مِّنْكُمْ بِرَبِّهِمْ يُشْرِكُونَ ٥٢ لِيَكْفُرُوا بِمَا  
 آتَيْنَهُمْ ط فَتُبْتَغُوا فِسْوَفَ تَعْلَمُونَ ٥٥ وَيَجْعَلُونَ  
 لَهَا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ نَصِيبًا مِّمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ ط تَاللَّهِ لَتَشْعُلَنَّ  
 عَمَّا كُنْتُمْ تَفْتَرُونَ ٥٦ وَيَجْعَلُونَ لِلَّهِ الْبَنَاتِ  
 سُبْحَنَهُ ٥٧ وَلَهُمْ مَا يَشْتَهُونَ ٥٨ وَإِذَا بُشِّرَ أَحَدُهُمْ  
 بِالْأُنثَىٰ ط قَالَ وَجْهَهُ مُسْوَدًّا وَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ ٥٩  
 يَتَوَارَىٰ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ مِنْ سُوءِ مَا بُشِّرَبِهِ ط أَيَمْسِكُهُ  
 عَلَىٰ هُونٍ أَمْ يَدُسُّهُ فِي التُّرَابِ ط أَلَا سَاءَ مَا  
 يَحْكُمُونَ ٦٠ لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ  
 مَثَلُ السَّوْءِ ٦١ وَلِلَّهِ الْبَشَلُ ٦٢ أَلَا عَلَىٰ ط وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ  
 الْحَكِيمُ ٦٣ وَلَوْ يُوَاخِذُ اللَّهُ النَّاسَ بِظُلْمِهِمْ  
 مَا تَرَكَ عَلَيْهَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ وَلَكِنْ يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ  
 إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ٦٤ فَلَإِذَا جَاءَ أَجَلُهُمْ لَا

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a group of you associates 'others' with their Lord 'in worship', 55. only returning Our favours with ingratitude. So enjoy yourselves, for you will soon know.

### Offerings to Idols

56. And they 'even' assign to those 'idols'—who know nothing—a share of what We have provided for them. By Allah! You will certainly be questioned about whatever 'lies' you used to fabricate 'against Allah'.

### Allah's Daughters?

57. And they attribute 'angels as' daughters to Allah—glory be to Him!—the opposite of what they desire for themselves. 58. Whenever one of them is given the good news of a baby girl, his face grows gloomy, as he suppresses his rage. 59. He hides himself from the people because of the bad news he has received. Should he keep her in disgrace, or bury her 'alive' in the ground? Evil indeed is their judgment!<sup>494</sup> 60. To those who disbelieve in the Hereafter belong all evil qualities, whereas to Allah belong the finest attributes. And He is the Almighty, All-Wise.

### Favour 11) Allowing Time for Repentance

61. If Allah were to punish people 'immediately' for their wrongdoing, He would not have left a single living

being on earth. But He delays them for an appointed term.

494 Some pagan Arabs used to bury their infant daughters alive for fear of shame or poverty. This practice was condemned and abolished by Islam. See 5:151 and 81:8-9.

And when their time arrives, they cannot delay it for a moment, nor could they advance it.

### Empty Hopes

62. They attribute to Allah what they hate 'for themselves',<sup>495</sup> and their tongues utter the lie that they will have the finest reward. Without a doubt, for them is the Fire, where they will be abandoned.

### Evil Communities

63. By Allah! We have surely sent messengers to communities before you 'O Prophet', but Satan made their misdeeds appealing to them. So he is their patron today, and they will suffer a painful punishment. 64. We have revealed to you the Book only to clarify for them what they differed about, and as a guide and mercy for those who believe.

### Favour 12) Rain

65. And Allah sends down rain from the sky, giving life to the earth after its death. Surely in this is a sign for those who listen.

### Favour 13) Cattle and Milk

66. And there is certainly a lesson for you in cattle: We give you to drink of what is in their bellies, from between digested food and blood: pure milk, pleasant to drink.<sup>496</sup> 67. And from the fruits of palm trees and grapevines

يَسْتَخِرُونَ سَاعَةً وَلَا يَسْتَقْدِمُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ وَيَجْعَلُونَ  
لِلَّهِ مَا يَكْرَهُونَ وَتَصِفُ أَلْسِنَتُهُمُ الْكَذِبَ  
أَنَّ لَهُمُ الْحُسْنَى ۖ لَاجِرَمَ أَنَّ لَهُمُ النَّارَ وَأَنَّهُمْ  
مُفْرَطُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾ تَاللَّهِ لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَى أُمَمٍ مِّنْ  
قَبْلِكَ فَزَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ فَهُوَ  
وَلِيُّهُمْ الْيَوْمَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٦٣﴾ وَمَا  
أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا لِتُبَيِّنَ لَهُمُ الَّذِي  
اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ ۖ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾  
وَاللَّهُ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ  
بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ  
يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾ وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ فِي الْأَنْعَامِ لَعِبْرَةً ۖ  
نُسْقِيكُمْ مِّمَّا فِي بُطُونِهِ مِن بَيْنِ فَرْثٍ وَدَمٍ  
لِّبَنَّا خَالِصًا سَائِغًا لِلشَّرِبِ ۖ إِنَّكُمْ لَشَرِبْتُمْ

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495 They say that Allah has daughters (i.e., the angels), although they themselves do not like to have daughters.

496 lit.. pleasant for those who drink.

you derive intoxicants<sup>497</sup> as well as wholesome provision. Surely in this is a sign for those who understand.

#### Favour 14) Bees and Honey

68. And your Lord inspired the bees: "Make 'your' homes in the mountains, the trees, and in what people construct, 69. and feed from 'the flower of' any fruit 'you please' and follow the ways your Lord has made easy for you. From their bellies comes forth liquid of varying colours, in which there is healing for people. Surely in this is a sign for those who reflect.

#### Allah's Power over Humans

70. Allah has created you, and then causes you to die. And some of you are left to reach the most feeble stage of life so that they may know nothing after having known much. Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing, Most Capable.

#### Favour 15) Provisions

71. And Allah has favoured some of you over others in provision. But those who have been much favoured would not share their wealth with those 'bondspeople' in their possession, making them their equals.<sup>498</sup>

التَّحِيلِ وَالْأَعْنَابِ تَتَّخِذُونَ مِنْهُ سَكَرًا  
وَرِزْقًا حَسَنًا إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾  
وَأَوْحَىٰ رَبُّكَ إِلَى النَّحْلِ أَنْ اتَّخِذِي مِنَ  
الْجِبَالِ بُيُوتًا وَمِنَ الشَّجَرِ وَمِمَّا يَعْرِشُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾  
ثُمَّ كُلِي مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ فَاسْلُكِي سُبُلَ  
رَبِّكِ ذُلُلًا يَخْرُجُ مِنْ بُطُونِهَا شَرَابٌ مُخْتَلِفٌ  
أَلْوَانُهُ فِيهِ شِفَاءٌ لِلنَّاسِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً  
لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ ثُمَّ يَتَوَفَّاكُمْ  
وَمِنْكُمْ مَنْ يُرَدُّ إِلَىٰ أَرْدَلِ الْعُمُرِ لِكَيْ لَا يَعْلَمَ  
بَعْدَ عِلْمٍ شَيْئًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٧١﴾  
وَاللَّهُ فَضَّلَ بَعْضَكُمْ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ فِي الرِّزْقِ  
فَمَا الَّذِينَ فُضِّلُوا بِرَادِّي رِزْقِهِمْ عَلَىٰ مَا  
مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُمْ فَهُمْ فِيهِ سَوَاءٌ أَفَبِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ

497 Intoxicants were later prohibited in the Quran in three stages: 2:219, 4:43, and finally 5:90-91.

498 In other words, if the pagan slave-masters are not willing to be equal to their slaves, why would they make anyone equal to Allah—the Supreme Master and Creator of all things?

Do they then deny Allah's favours?

*Favour 16) Spouses and Offspring*

72. And Allah has made for you spouses of your own kind, and given you through your spouses children and grandchildren.<sup>499</sup> And He has granted you good, lawful provisions. Are they then faithful to falsehood and ungrateful for Allah's favours?

*Parables for Powerless Allahs and Almighty Allah*

73. Yet they worship besides Allah those 'idols' who do not afford them any provision from the heavens and the earth, nor do they have the power to. 74. So do not set up equals to Allah, for Allah certainly knows and you do not know. 75. Allah sets forth a parable: a slave who lacks all means, compared to a 'free' man to whom We granted a good provision, of which he donates 'freely,' openly and secretly. Are they equal? Praise be to Allah. In fact, most of them do not know. 76. And Allah sets forth a parable of two men: one of them is dumb, incapable of anything. He is a burden on his master. Wherever he is sent, he brings no good.

يَجْحَدُونَ ﴿٤١﴾ وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ  
أَزْوَاجًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ بَنِينَ  
وَحَفَدَةً وَرَزَقَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ أَفِي الْبَاطِلِ  
يُؤْمِنُونَ وَبِنِعْمَتِ اللَّهِ هُمْ يَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾  
وَيَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَبْلُغُ لَهُمْ رِزْقًا  
مِنَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾  
فَلَا تَضْرِبُوا لِلَّهِ الْأَمْثَالَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ  
وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾ ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا عَبْدًا  
مَمْلُوكًا لَا يَقْدِرُ عَلَى شَيْءٍ وَمَنْ رَزَقْنَاهُ مِنْ  
رِزْقًا حَسَنًا فَهُوَ يُنْفِقُ مِنْهُ سِرًّا وَجَهْرًا ۚ  
هَلْ يَسْتَوُونَ ۚ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ۚ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٥﴾  
وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا رَجُلَيْنِ أَحَدُهُمَا أَبْكَمُ  
لَا يَقْدِرُ عَلَى شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ كَلٌّ عَلَى مَوْلَاهُ ۚ أَيْنَمَا

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499 *Hafadah* means grandchildren, but can also mean children-in-law.

يُوجِّهُهُ لَا يَأْتِ بِخَيْرٍ ۖ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي هُوَ وَمَنْ  
يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ ۖ وَهُوَ عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٤٦﴾ وَاللَّهُ  
غَيْبُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ وَمَا أَمْرُ السَّاعَةِ إِلَّا  
كَلَمْحِ الْبَصَرِ أَوْ هُوَ أَقْرَبُ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرٌ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَاللَّهُ أَخْرَجَكُمْ مِنْ بُطُونٍ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ لَا  
تَعْلَمُونَ شَيْئًا ۖ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ  
وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ ۖ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾ أَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى  
الطَّيْرِ مُسَخَّرَاتٍ فِي جَوْ السَّمَاءِ ۖ مَا يُبْسِكُهُنَّ إِلَّا  
اللَّهُ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ وَاللَّهُ  
جَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنْ بُيُوتِكُمْ سَكَنًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُم  
مِّنْ جُلُودِ الْأَنْعَامِ بُيُوتًا تَسْتَخِفُّونَهَا يَوْمَ  
ظَعْنِكُمْ وَيَوْمَ إِقَامَتِكُمْ ۖ وَمِنْ أَصْوَابِهَا  
وَأَوْبَارِهَا وَأَشْعَارُهَا أَثَاثًا ۖ وَمتَاعًا إِلَىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٥٠﴾

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Can such a person be equal to the one who commands justice and is on the Straight Path?<sup>500</sup>

#### Allah's Knowledge and Might

77. To Allah 'alone' belongs 'the knowledge of' the unseen in the heavens and the earth. Bringing about the Hour would only take the blink of an eye, or even less. Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything.

#### Favour 17) Senses

78. And Allah brought you out of the wombs of your mothers while you knew nothing, and gave you hearing, sight, and intellect so perhaps you would be thankful.

#### Favour 18) Birds

79. Have they not seen the birds glide in the open sky? None holds them up except Allah. Surely in this are signs for those who believe.

#### Favour 19) Homes

80. And Allah has made your homes a place to rest, and has given you tents from the hide of animals, light to handle when you travel and when you camp. And out of their wool, fur, and hair He has given you furnishings and goods for a while.

<sup>500</sup> The two parables emphasize that Almighty Allah masterfully conducts the affairs of the heavens and the earth, whereas false gods are incapable of anything. If this is the case, these gods are not His equal and He is the only one worthy of worship.

## Favour 20) Shelters

81. And Allah has provided you shade out of what He created, and has given you shelter in the mountains. He has also provided you with clothes protecting you from the heat 'and cold', and armour shielding you in battle. This is how He perfects His favour upon you, so perhaps you will 'fully' submit 'to Him'.

## Denying Allah's Favours

82. But if they turn away, then your duty 'O Prophet' is only to deliver 'the message' clearly. 83. They are aware of Allah's favours, but still deny them. And most of them are 'truly' ungrateful.

## Fate of the Disbelievers

84. 'Consider, O Prophet,' the Day We will call 'a prophet as' a witness from every faith-community. Then the disbelievers will neither be allowed to plead nor appease 'their Lord'. 85. And when the wrongdoers face the punishment, it will not be lightened for them, nor will they be delayed 'from it'. 86. And when the polytheists see their associate-gods, they will say, "Our Lord! These are our associate-gods that we used to invoke besides You." Their gods will throw a rebuttal at them, 'saying,' "You are definitely liars." 87. They will offer 'full' submission to Allah on that Day,

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِمَّا خَلَقَ ظِلًّا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ  
مِّنَ الْجِبَالِ أَكْنَانًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ سَرَابِيلَ تَقِيَكُمُ  
الْحَرَّ وَسَرَابِيلَ تَقِيَكُمُ بَأْسَكُمْ ۚ كَذَلِكَ يُتِمُّ  
نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَسْلِمُونَ ﴿٨١﴾ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا  
فَأَنبَأْ عَلَىٰكَ الْبَلْعُ الْبَيِّنُ ﴿٨٢﴾ يَعْرِفُونَ نِعْمَتَ  
اللَّهِ ثُمَّ يَنكُرُونَهَا وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾ وَيَوْمَ  
نَبْعَثُ مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ شَهِيدًا ثُمَّ لَا يُؤْذَنُ لِلَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا وَلَا هُمْ يُسْتَعْتَبُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾ وَإِذَا رَأَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا  
الْعَذَابَ فَلَا يُخَفَّفُ عَنْهُمْ وَلَا هُمْ يُنْظَرُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾  
وَإِذَا رَأَى الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا شُرَكَاءَهُمْ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا  
هَؤُلَاءِ شُرَكَاؤُنَا الَّذِينَ كُنَّا نَدْعُوا مِنْ دُونِكَ  
فَأَلْقُوا إِلَيْهِمُ الْقَوْلَ إِنَّكُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ ﴿٨٦﴾ وَأَلْقُوا  
إِلَى اللَّهِ يَوْمَئِذٍ السَّلَامَ وَضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا

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يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِ

اللَّهِ زِدْنَاهُمْ عَذَابًا فَوْقَ الْعَذَابِ بِمَا كَانُوا

يُفْسِدُونَ ﴿٨٦﴾ وَيَوْمَ نُبْعَثُ فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ شَهِيدًا

عَلَيْهِمْ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَجِئْنَا بِكَ شَهِيدًا عَلَىٰ

هَؤُلَاءِ ۖ وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ تِبْيَانًا لِّكُلِّ

شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً وَبُشْرَىٰ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي

الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ ۚ

يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾ وَأَوْفُوا بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ إِذَا

عَاهَدْتُمْ وَلَا تَنْقُضُوا الْأَيْمَانَ بَعْدَ تَوْكِيدِهَا

وَقَدْ جَعَلْتُمُ اللَّهَ عَلَيْكُمْ كَفِيلًا ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ

مَا تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٩١﴾ وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّتِي نَقَضَتْ غَزْلَهَا

مِّنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ أَنْكَاثًا تَتَّخِذُونَ أَيْمَانَكُمْ دَخَلًا

and whatever 'gods' they fabricated will fail them. 88. For those who disbelieve and hinder 'others' from the Way of Allah, We will add more punishment to their punishment for all the corruption they spread.

#### Prophets Witness Against Disbelievers

89. 'Consider, O Prophet,' the Day We will call against every faith-community a witness of their own. And We will call you to be a witness against these 'people of yours'. We have revealed to you the Book as an explanation of all things, a guide, a mercy, and good news for those who 'fully' submit.

#### Allah's Commands and Prohibitions

90. Indeed, Allah commands justice, grace, as well as courtesy to close relatives. He forbids indecency, wickedness, and aggression. He instructs you so perhaps you will be mindful.

#### Honouring Pledges

91. Honour God's covenant when you make a pledge, and do not break your oaths after confirming them, having made Allah your guarantor. Surely Allah knows all you do.  
92. Do not be like the woman who 'foolishly' unravels her yarn after it is firmly spun,

by taking your oaths as a means of deceiving one another in favour of a stronger group. Surely Allah tests you through this. And on the Day of Judgment He will certainly make your differences clear to you.

#### *Favour 21) Free Choice*

93. Had Allah willed, He could have easily made you one community 'of believers', but He leaves to stray whoever He wills and guides whoever He wills.<sup>501</sup> And you will certainly be questioned about what you used to do.

#### *Honouring Agreements*

94. And do not take your oaths as a means of deceiving one another or your feet will slip after they have been firm. Then you will taste the evil 'consequences' of hindering 'others' from the Way of Allah, and you will suffer a tremendous punishment. 95. And do not trade Allah's covenant for a fleeting gain. What is with Allah is certainly far better for you, if only you knew. 96. Whatever you have will end, but whatever Allah has is everlasting. And We will certainly reward the steadfast according to the best of their deeds.

#### *Reward of the Good-Doers*

97. Whoever does good, whether male or female, and is a believer,

بَيْنَكُمْ أَنْ تَكُونَ أُمَّةٌ هِيَ أَرْبَى مِنْ أُمَّةٍ ط  
إِنَّمَا يَبْلُوكُمُ اللَّهُ بِهِ ط وَلِيَبَيِّنَنَّ لَكُمْ يَوْمَ  
الْقِيَمَةِ مَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ  
لَجَعَلَكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَٰكِنْ يُضِلُّ مَنْ يَشَاءُ  
وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ ط وَلْتَسَأَلَنَّ عَمَّا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٤﴾  
وَلَا تَتَّخِذُوا أَيْمَانَكُمْ دَخَلًا بَيْنَكُمْ فَتَزِلَّ قَدُمُ  
بَعْدَ شَبُوتِهَا وَتَذُوقُوا الشُّوْءَ بِمَا صَدَقْتُمْ عَنْ  
سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ؕ وَلَكُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٩٥﴾ وَلَا تَشْتَرُوا  
بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا ط إِنَّمَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ هُوَ خَيْرٌ  
لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾ مَا عِنْدَكُمْ يَنْفَدُ  
وَمَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ بَاقٍ ط وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُ الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا  
أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾ مَنْ عَمِلَ  
صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ اُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ

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<sup>501</sup> He guides those who are sincere in their quest for guidance.

حَيَوَةً طَيِّبَةً ۖ وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ  
 مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٨﴾ فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ  
 بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٩٩﴾ إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ لَهُ  
 سُلْطَانٌ عَلَى الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَلَى رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿١٠٠﴾  
 إِنَّمَا سُلْطَانُهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَتَوَلَّوْنَهُ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ  
 بِهِ مُشْرِكُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾ وَإِذَا بَدَلْنَا آيَةً مَّكَانَ آيَةٍ ۖ  
 وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يُنَزِّلُ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُفْتَرٍ  
 بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾ قُلْ نَزَّلَهُ رُوحُ  
 الْقُدُسِ مِنْ رَبِّكَ بِالْحَقِّ لِيُثَبِّتَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
 وَهُدًى وَبُشْرَى لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٠٣﴾ وَلَقَدْ نَعْلَمُ  
 أَنَّهُمْ يَقُولُونَ إِنَّمَا يُعَلِّمُهُ بَشَرٌ لِّسَانُ الَّذِي  
 يُلْحِدُونَ إِلَيْهِ أَعْجَمِي ۖ وَهَذَا لِسَانٌ عَرَبِيٌّ  
 مُبِينٌ ﴿١٠٤﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ ۖ

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We will surely bless them with a good life, and We will certainly reward them according to the best of their deeds.

#### Advice to the Believers

98. When you recite the Quran, seek refuge with Allah from Satan, the accursed. 99. He certainly has no authority over those who believe and put their trust in their Lord. 100. His authority is only over those who take him as a patron and who—under his influence—associate "others" with Allah "in worship".

#### Who Is the Fabricator?

101. When We replace a verse with another<sup>502</sup>—and Allah knows best what He reveals—they say, "You 'Muhammad' are just a fabricator." In fact, most of them do not know. 102. Say, "The holy spirit<sup>503</sup> has brought it down from your Lord with the truth to reassure the believers, and as a guide and good news for those who submit 'to Allah'." 103. And We surely know that they say, "No one is teaching him except a human." But the man they refer to speaks a foreign tongue, whereas this 'Quran' is 'in' eloquent Arabic.<sup>504</sup> 104. Surely those who do not believe in Allah's revelations will never be guided by Allah,

502 See footnote for 2:106.

503 The angel Gabriel.

504 Some Meccan pagans claimed that the Prophet (ﷺ) received the Quran from a non-Arab slave owned by an Arab pagan.

and they will suffer a painful punishment. 105. No one fabricates lies except those who disbelieve in Allah's revelations, and it is they who are the 'true' liars.

#### Abandoning Faith

106. Whoever disbelieves in Allah after their belief—not those who are forced while their hearts are firm in faith,<sup>505</sup> but those who embrace disbelief wholeheartedly—they will be condemned by Allah and suffer a tremendous punishment. 107. This is because they prefer the life of this world over the Hereafter. Surely Allah never guides those who 'choose to' disbelieve. 108. They are the ones whose hearts, ears, and eyes are sealed by Allah, and it is they who are 'truly' heedless. 109. Without a doubt, they will be the losers in the Hereafter. 110. As for those who emigrated after being compelled 'to renounce Islam', then struggled 'in Allah's cause', and persevered,

لَا يَهْدِيهِمُ اللَّهُ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٠٦﴾  
 إِنَّمَا يَفْتَرِي الْكَذِبَ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ  
 بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْكَاذِبُونَ ﴿١٠٧﴾  
 مَنْ كَفَرَ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ إيمَانِهِ إِلَّا مَنْ أَكْرَهَ  
 وَقَلْبُهُ مُطْمَئِنٌّ بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَكِنْ مَنْ شَرَحَ  
 بِالْكُفْرِ صَدْرًا فَعَلَيْهِمْ غَضَبٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَلَهُمْ  
 عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٠٨﴾ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ اسْتَحَبُّوا الْحَيَاةَ  
 الدُّنْيَا عَلَى الْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ  
 الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٠٩﴾ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ طَبَعَ اللَّهُ عَلَى  
 قُلُوبِهِمْ وَسَمِعِهِمْ وَأَبْصَارِهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ  
 الْغَافِلُونَ ﴿١١٠﴾ لَا جَرَمَ أَنَّهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ هُمُ  
 الْخَسِرُونَ ﴿١١١﴾ ثُمَّ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ لِلَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا مِنْ  
 بَعْدِ مَا فُتِنُوا ثُمَّ جَاهَدُوا وَصَبَرُوا ۖ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ مِنْ

بَعْدَهَا

مَثَلُ

<sup>505</sup> This refers to 'Ammâr ibn Yâsser, an early revert to Islam, who was tortured to leave Islam. To save his life, 'Ammâr pretended to denounce Islam, but his heart was full of faith. When he told the Prophet (ﷺ) about what happened, this verse was revealed, reassuring him that his faith was intact.

بَعْدَهَا لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ١١٠ يَوْمَ تَأْتِي كُلُّ  
 نَفْسٍ تُجَادِلُ عَنْ نَفْسِهَا وَتَوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ  
 مَّا عَمِلَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ١١١ وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ  
 مَثَلًا قَرْيَةً كَانَتْ آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً يَأْتِيهَا  
 رِزْقُهَا رَغَدًا مِّنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ فَكَفَرَتْ بِأَنْعَمِ  
 اللَّهِ فَأَذَاقَهَا اللَّهُ لِبَاسَ الْجُوعِ وَالْخَوْفِ بِمَا  
 كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ ١١٢ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْهُمْ  
 فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَخَذَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ وَهُمْ ظَالِمُونَ ١١٣  
 فَكُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا ۚ وَاشْكُرُوا  
 نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ ١١٤ إِنَّمَا  
 حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةَ وَالدَّمَ وَلَحْمَ الْخَنِزِيرِ  
 وَمَا أُهْلَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ بِهِ ۚ فَمَنِ اضْطُرَّ غَيْرَ بَاغٍ  
 وَلَا عَادٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ١١٥ وَلَا تَقُولُوا

your Lord 'O Prophet' is truly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful after all.

### Pay Day

111. 'Consider' the Day 'when' every soul will come pleading for itself, and each will be paid in full for what it did, and none will be wronged.

### The Ungrateful People

112. And Allah sets forth the example of a city which was safe and at ease, receiving its provision in abundance from all directions. But its people met Allah's favours with ingratitude, so Allah made them taste hunger and fear for their misdeeds. 113. A messenger of their own actually did come to them, but they denied him. So the torment overtook them while they persisted in wrongdoing.

### Lawful and Prohibited Foods

114. So eat from the good, lawful things which Allah has provided for you, and be grateful for Allah's favours, if you 'truly' worship Him 'alone'. 115. He has only forbidden you 'to eat' carrion, blood, swine,<sup>506</sup> and what is slaughtered in the name of any other than Allah. But if someone is compelled by necessity—neither driven by desire nor exceeding immediate need—then surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

### Warning to the Polytheists

116. Do not falsely declare with your tongues, "This is lawful, and that is unlawful," 'only' fabricating lies against Allah. Indeed, those who fabricate lies against Allah will never succeed. 117. 'It is only' a brief enjoyment, then they will suffer a painful punishment.

### Prohibited Foods for Jews

118. To the Jews, We have forbidden what We related to you before.<sup>507</sup> We did not wrong them, but it was they who wronged themselves.

### Allah Accepts Repentance

119. As for those who commit evil ignorantly 'or recklessly', then repent afterwards and mend their ways, then your Lord is surely All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

### Prophet Abraham

120. Indeed, Abraham was a model of excellence: devoted to Allah, 'perfectly' upright—not a polytheist—

121. 'utterly' grateful for Allah's favours. 'So' He chose him and guided him to the Straight Path. 122. We blessed him with all goodness in this world,<sup>508</sup>

لِمَا تَصِفُ أَلْسِنَتُكُمُ الْكَذِبَ هَذَا حَلَلٌ  
وَهَذَا حَرَامٌ لِّتَفْتَرُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَرُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ  
لَا يُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١١٦﴾ مَتَاعٌ قَلِيلٌ ۖ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ  
أَلِيمٌ ﴿١١٧﴾ وَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ هَادُوا حَرَّمْنَا مَا  
قَصَصْنَا عَلَيْكَ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۚ وَمَا ظَلَمْنَاهُمْ وَلَكِنْ  
كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿١١٨﴾ ثُمَّ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ  
لِلَّذِينَ عَمِلُوا الشُّوْءَ بِجَهَالَةٍ ثُمَّ تَابُوا مِنْ  
بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ وَأَصْلَحُوا إِنَّ رَبَّكَ مِنْ بَعْدِهَا  
لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١١٩﴾ إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً قَانِتًا  
لِلَّهِ حَنِيفًا ۖ وَلَمْ يَكُ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿١٢٠﴾ شَاكِرًا  
لِّأَنْعَمِهِ ۖ اجْتَبَاهُ وَهَدَاهُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١٢١﴾  
وَاتَيْنَاهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً ۖ وَإِنَّهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ

لِمَنِ الصَّالِحِينَ

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507 What is mentioned in 6:146.

508 i.e., honourable mention and a righteous family.

لِمَنِ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٢٣﴾ ثُمَّ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ أَنْ اتَّبِعْ  
 مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا ۖ وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿١٢٤﴾  
 إِنَّمَا جَعَلَ السَّابِتُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ ۖ  
 وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَيَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ فِيمَا  
 كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿١٢٥﴾ ادْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ  
 بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي  
 هِيَ أَحْسَنُ ۚ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ  
 سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٢٦﴾ وَإِنْ عَاقَبْتُمْ  
 فَعَاقِبُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا عُوقِبْتُمْ بِهِ ۚ وَلَئِنْ صَبَرْتُمْ  
 لَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لِلصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٢٧﴾ وَاصْبِرْ وَمَا صَبْرُكَ إِلَّا  
 بِاللهِ وَلَا تَحْزَنْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا تَكُ فِي ضَيْقٍ  
 مِّمَّا يَمْكُرُونَ ﴿١٢٨﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا  
 وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ ﴿١٢٩﴾

and in the Hereafter he will certainly be among the righteous. 123. Then We revealed to you 'O Prophet, saying': "Follow the faith of Abraham, the upright, who was not one of the polytheists." 124. 'Honouring' the Sabbath was ordained only for those who disputed about Abraham.<sup>509</sup> And surely your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Judgment regarding their disputes.

#### Inviting to Islam

125. Invite 'all' to the Way of your Lord with wisdom and kind advice, and only debate with them in the best manner. Surely your Lord 'alone' knows best who has strayed from His Way and who is 'rightly' guided.

#### Grace Is Best

126. If you retaliate, then let it be equivalent to what you have suffered. But if you patiently endure, it is certainly best for those who are patient. 127. Be patient 'O Prophet', for your patience is only with Allah's help. Do not grieve over those 'who disbelieve', nor be distressed by their schemes. 128. Surely Allah is with those who shun evil and who do good 'deeds'.



<sup>509</sup> This verse refers to the Jews who claimed that Abraham was Jewish. See 3:65-68.

## 17. The Night Journey (Al-Isrâ')

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

## Journey from Mecca to Jerusalem

1. Glory be to the One Who took His servant 'Muhammad' by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque whose surroundings We have blessed, so that We may show him some of Our signs.<sup>510</sup> Indeed, He<sup>511</sup> alone is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing.
2. And We gave Moses the Scripture and made it a guide for the Children of Israel, 'stating:.' "Do not take besides Me any other Trustee of Affairs,
3. 'O' descendants of those We carried with Noah 'in the Ark'! He was indeed a grateful servant."

## Warning to the Israelites

4. And We warned the Children of Israel in the Scripture, "You will certainly cause corruption in the land twice, and you will become extremely arrogant.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Corruption

5. "When the first of the two warnings would come to pass, We would send against you some of Our servants of great might, who would ravage your homes. This would be a warning fulfilled. 6. Then 'after your repentance' We would give you the upper hand over them and aid you with wealth and offspring, causing you to outnumber them.

الْأَجْزَاءِ الْكَامِلَةِ عَشْرًا (١٥)

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي ۙ (١٤) سُوْرَةُ الْاَنْبِيَاءِ يَا مَعْ كَتِيْبًا (٥٠) كُوْعَانَهَا ١٢

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

سُبْحٰنَ الَّذِيۡ اَسْرٰى بِعَبْدِهٖ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ  
اِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْاَقْصَا الَّذِيۡ بَرَكْنَا حَوْلَهٗ لِنُرِيْكَ مِنْ  
اٰيٰتِنَا ۚ اِنَّهٗ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْبَصِيْرُ ۝ وَاَتَيْنَا مُوسٰى الْكِتٰبَ  
وَجَعَلْنٰهُ هُدًى لِّبَنِيۡ اِسْرَءٰىلَ اِلَّا تَتَّخِذُوْا مِنْ  
دُوْنِيۡ وِكِيْلًا ۝ ذُرِّيَّةٍ مِّنۡ حَمَلْنَا مَعَ نُوحٍ ۚ اِنَّهٗ كَانَ  
عَبْدًا شَكُوْرًا ۝ وَقَضَيْنَاۤ اِلَىۤ اِبْنِیۡ اِسْرَءٰىلَ فِی  
الْكِتٰبِ لَتُفْسِدُنَّ فِی الْاَرْضِ مَرَّتَیْنِ وَلَتَعْلُنَّ  
عُلُوًّا كَبِيْرًا ۝ فَاِذَا جَآءَ وَعْدُ اَوَّلِهُمَا بَعَثْنَا عَلَیْكُمْ  
عِبَادًا لَّنَاۤ اَوَّلِیۡ بَاسٍ شَدِيْدٍ فَجَاسُوْا خِلَالَ الدِّيَارِ  
وَكَانَ وَعْدًا مَّفْعُوْلًا ۝ ثُمَّ رَدَدْنَا لَكُمْ الْكُرَّةَ عَلَیْهِمْ  
وَاَمَدَدْنٰكُمْ بِاَمْوَالٍ وَّبَنِيْنٍ وَجَعَلْنٰكُمْ اَكْثَرَ نَفِیْرًا ۝

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اِنْ اَحْسَنْتُمْ

510 *Al-Isrâ'* refers to the Prophet's Night Journey from Mecca to Jerusalem about a year before his emigration (or *Hijrah*) from Mecca to Medina. This journey came as a comfort for the Prophet after several years of hardship and persecution, which included a 3-year siege by Meccan pagans, who drove the Muslims out of the city and forbade anyone from trading, marrying, or feeding them. This was followed by the "Year of Sadness," which included the death of the Prophet's uncle Abu Tālib, the major defender of Muhammad (ﷺ) despite his disbelief in his message, as well as the death of the Prophet's beloved wife Khadijah. The Prophet was carried overnight by a noble steed (called *Burāq*) from Mecca to Jerusalem where he met some earlier prophets and led them in prayer. He was later carried to the heavens (this journey is called *Al-Mi'rāj*, or the Ascension) where he received direct orders from Allah to observe five daily prayers. The Ascension is referred to in 53:13–18.

511 i.e., Allah.



إِنْ أَحْسَنْتُمْ أَحْسَنْتُمْ لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ وَإِنْ أَسَأْتُمْ فَلَهَا ط

فَإِذَا جَاءَ وَعْدُ الْآخِرَةِ لِيُسْوَءَا وَجُوهَكُمْ وَلِيَدْخُلُوا

السَّجْدَ كَمَا دَخَلُوهُ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ وَلِيُتَبِّرُوا مَا عَلُوا

تَتَبِيرًا ٥ عَسَى رَبُّكُمْ أَنْ يَرْحَمَكُمْ وَإِنْ عُذْتُمْ

عُدْنَا مَوْجَعْنَا جَهَنَّمَ لِلْكَافِرِينَ حَصِيرًا ٨ إِنَّ هَذَا

الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا ٩

وَأَنَّ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ أَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ عَذَابًا

أَلِيمًا ١٠ وَيَذَعُ الْإِنْسَانُ بِالشَّرِّ دُعَاءَهُ بِالْخَيْرِ ط

وَكَانَ الْإِنْسَانُ عَجُولًا ١١ وَجَعَلْنَا اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ

آيَتَيْنِ فَمَحْوًا آيَةَ اللَّيْلِ وَجَعَلْنَا آيَةَ النَّهَارِ مُبْصَرَةً

لِتَبْتَغُوا فَضْلًا مِّنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَلِتَعْلَمُوا عَدَدَ السِّنِينَ

وَالْحِسَابَ ط وَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَصَّلْنَاهُ تَفْصِيلًا ١٢ وَكُلَّ

7. If you act rightly, it is for your own good, but if you do wrong, it is to your own loss.

#### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Corruption

“And when the second warning would come to pass, your enemies would ‘be left to’ totally disgrace you and enter the Temple ‘of Jerusalem’ as they entered it the first time, and utterly destroy whatever would fall into their hands. 8. Perhaps your Lord will have mercy on you ‘if you repent’, but if you return ‘to sin’, We will return ‘to punishment’. And We have made Hell a ‘permanent’ confinement for the disbelievers.”

#### The Message of the Quran

9. Surely this Quran guides to what is most upright, and gives good news to the believers—who do good—that they will have a mighty reward. 10. And ‘it warns’ those who do not believe in the Hereafter ‘that’ We have prepared for them a painful punishment.

#### Prayers in Anger

11. And humans ‘swiftly’ pray for evil<sup>512</sup> as they pray for good. For humankind is ever hasty.

#### The Day and Night

12. We made the day and night as two signs. So We made the sign of the night devoid of light, and We made the sign of the day ‘perfectly’

bright, so that you may seek the bounty of your Lord and know the number of years and calculation ‘of time’. And We have explained everything in detail.

<sup>512</sup> Some people are quick to pray against themselves or others in times of anger and frustration.

### The Record of Deeds

13. We have bound every human's destiny to their neck.<sup>513</sup> And on the Day of Judgment We will bring forth to each 'person' a record which they will find laid open. 14. 'And it will be said,' 'Read your record. You 'alone' are sufficient this Day to take account of yourself.' 15. Whoever chooses to be guided, it is only for their own good. And whoever chooses to stray, it is only to their own loss. No soul burdened with sin will bear the burden of another. And We would never punish 'a people' until We have sent a messenger 'to warn them'.

### Punishment of the Wicked

16. Whenever We intend to destroy a society, We command its elite 'to obey Allah' but they act rebelliously in it. So the decree 'of punishment' is justified, and We destroy it utterly. 17. 'Imagine' how many peoples We have destroyed after Noah! And sufficient is your Lord as All-Aware and All-Seeing of the sins of His servants.

### This Life or the Next?

18. Whoever desires this fleeting world 'alone', We hasten in it whatever We please to whoever We will; then We destine them for Hell, where they will burn, condemned and rejected. 19. But whoever desires the Hereafter and strives for it accordingly, and is a 'true' believer,

إِنْسَانَ الْزَمْنَهُ طَيْرَةً فِي عُنُقِهِ ۖ وَنُخْرِجُ لَهُ يَوْمَ  
الْقِيَمَةِ كِتَابًا يَلْقَاهُ مَنشُورًا ۖ (١٣) اقْرَأْ كِتَابَكَ ۖ كَفَى  
بِنَفْسِكَ الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكَ حَسِيبًا ۖ (١٤) مَنِ اهْتَدَى فَإِنَّمَا  
يَهْتَدِي لِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ ضَلَّ فَإِنَّمَا يَضِلُّ عَلَيْهَا ۖ  
وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَى ۖ وَمَا كُنَّا مُعَذِّبِينَ  
حَتَّى نَبْعَثَ رَسُولًا ۖ (١٥) وَإِذَا أَرَدْنَا أَنْ نُهْلِكَ قَرْيَةً  
أَمَرْنَا مُتْرَفِيهَا فَفَسَقُوا فِيهَا فَحَقَّ عَلَيْهَا الْقَوْلُ  
فدَمَّرْنَاهَا تَدْمِيرًا ۖ (١٦) وَكَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا مِنَ الْقُرُونِ  
مَنْ بَعْدَ نُوحٍ ۖ وَكَفَى بِرَبِّكَ بِذُنُوبِ عِبَادِهِ خَبِيرًا  
بَصِيرًا ۖ (١٧) مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْعَاجِلَةَ عَجَلْنَا لَهُ  
فِيهَا مَا نَشَاءُ لِمَنْ نُرِيدُ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَا لَهُ جَهَنَّمَ ۖ  
يَصْلَاهَا مَذْمُومًا مَدْحُورًا ۖ (١٨) وَمَنْ أَرَادَ الْآخِرَةَ وَ  
سَعَى لَهَا سَعْيَهَا وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَئِكَ كَانَ سَعْيُهُمْ

مَشْكُورًا

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513 This refers to the deeds that one is destined to do of their own free will. Out of His infinite knowledge, Allah knows people's choices even before they make them. In the Hereafter, He will raise them from the dead for judgment.

مَشْكُورًا ١٩) كَلَّا تُبَدُّ هَؤُلَاءِ وَهَؤُلَاءِ مِنْ عَطَاءِ رَبِّكَ  
وَمَا كَانَ عَطَاءُ رَبِّكَ مَحْظُورًا ٢٠) أَنْظِرْ كَيْفَ فَضَّلْنَا  
بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ ٢١) وَلِلْآخِرَةِ الْكِبَرُ دَرَجَاتٍ ٢٢) وَ الْكِبَرُ  
تَفْضِيلًا ٢٣) لَا تَجْعَلْ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ فَتَقْعَدَ مَذْمُومًا  
مُخَذَّوْلًا ٢٤) وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا آيَاتِهِ ٢٥) وَبِالنَّاسِ  
إِحْسَانًا ٢٦) إِمَّا يَبْلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا  
فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا آفٍ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا  
كَرِيمًا ٢٧) وَ اخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذِّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ  
وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْنِي صَغِيرًا ٢٨) رَبُّكُمْ أَعْلَمُ  
بِمَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ ٢٩) إِنْ تَكُونُوا صَالِحِينَ فَإِنَّهُ كَانَ  
لِالْوَابِئِينَ غَفُورًا ٣٠) وَآتِ ذَا الْقُرْبَىٰ حَقَّهُ وَالْيَسْرَينَ  
وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَلَا تُبَذِّرْ تَبْذِيرًا ٣١) إِنَّ الْمُبَذِّرِينَ  
كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيْطَانِ ٣٢) وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِرَبِّهِ كَفُورًا ٣٣)

it is they whose striving will be appreciated. 20. We provide both the former and the latter from the bounty of your Lord. And the bounty of your Lord can never be withheld. 21. See how We have favoured some over others 'in this life', but the Hereafter is certainly far greater in rank and in favour.

#### Commandments: 1) Worship Allah Alone

22. Do not set up any other god with Allah, or you will end up condemned, abandoned. 23. For your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him.

#### 2) Honour Your Parents

And honour your parents. If one or both of them reach old age in your care, never say to them 'even' 'ugh,' nor yell at them. Rather, address them respectfully. 24. And be humble with them out of mercy, and pray, "My Lord! Be merciful to them as they raised me when I was young." 25. Your Lord knows best what is within yourselves. If you are righteous, He is certainly All-Forgiving to those who 'constantly' turn to Him.

#### 3) Give and 4) Do Not Waste

26. Give to close relatives their due, as well as the poor and 'needy' travellers. And do not spend wastefully. 27. Surely the wasteful are 'like' brothers to the devils. And the Devil is ever ungrateful to his Lord.

28. But if you must turn them down 'because you lack the means to give'—while hoping to receive your Lord's bounty—then 'at least' give them a kind word.

#### 5) Spend Moderately

29. Do not be so tight-fisted, for you will be blameworthy; nor so open-handed, for you will end up in poverty. 30. Surely your Lord gives abundant or limited provisions to whoever He wills. He is certainly All-Aware, All-Seeing of His servants.

#### 6) Treasure Your Children

31. Do not kill your children for fear of poverty. We provide for them and for you. Surely killing them is a heinous sin.

#### 7) Do Not Commit Adultery

32. Do not go near adultery. It is truly a shameful deed and an evil way.

#### 8) Do Not Kill

33. Do not take a 'human' life—made sacred by Allah—except with 'legal' right.<sup>514</sup> If anyone is killed unjustly, We have given their heirs<sup>515</sup> the authority, but do not let them exceed limits in retaliation,<sup>516</sup> for they are already supported 'by law'.

#### 9) Protect Orphans' Wealth

34. Do not come near the wealth of the orphan—unless intending to enhance it—until they attain maturity.

وَأَمَّا تُعْرِضَنَّ عَنْهُمْ ابْتِغَاءَ رَحْمَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكَ تَرْجُوهَا  
فَقُلْ لَهُمْ قَوْلًا مَّيْسُورًا ٢٨ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ يَدَكَ مَغْلُولَةً  
إِلَىٰ عُنُقِكَ وَلَا تَبْسُطْهَا كُلَّ الْبَسِطِ فَتَقْعُدَ مَلُومًا  
مَّحْسُورًا ٢٩ إِنَّ رَّبَّكَ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ  
إِنَّهُ كَانَ بِعِبَادِهِ خَبِيرًا بَصِيرًا ٣٠ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ  
خَشْيَةَ إِمْلَاقٍ ۖ نَحْنُ نَرْزُقُهُمْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ ۖ إِنَّ قَتْلَهُمْ  
كَانَ خَطَاً كَبِيرًا ٣١ وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزَّوْجَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَاحِشَةً ۖ  
وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا ٣٢ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ  
إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ ۖ وَمَن قُتِلَ مَظْلُومًا فَقَدْ جَعَلْنَا لَوْلِيٍّ  
سُلْطَانًا فَلَا يُسْرِفُ فِي الْقَتْلِ ۖ إِنَّهُ كَانَ مَنصُورًا ٣٣  
وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا مَالَ الْيَتِيمِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ حَتَّىٰ  
يَبْلُغَ أَشُدَّهُ ۖ وَأَوْفُوا بِالْعَهْدِ ۖ إِنَّ الْعَهْدَ كَانَ  
مَسْئُولًا ٣٤ وَأَوْفُوا الْكَيْلَ إِذَا كِلْتُمْ وَزَنُوا بِالْقِسْطَاسِ

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#### 10) Honour Pledges

Honour 'your' pledges, for you will surely be accountable for them.

#### 11) Maintain Fairness

35. Give in full when you measure, and weigh with an even balance. That is fairest and best in the end.

514 For example, in retaliation for intentional killing through legal channels.

515 Here the word *wali*, "heir," actually means *awliya'* or "heirs," which includes the closest relatives, both men and women.

516 By killing anyone other than the killer, or killing others with the killer.

الْمُسْتَقِيمُ ۖ ذٰلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا ۝١٥ وَلَا تَقْفُ  
 مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ ۖ إِنَّ السَّمْعَ وَالْبَصَرَ وَالْفُؤَادَ  
 كُلُّ أُولَٰئِكَ كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْئُولًا ۝١٦ وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي  
 الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا ۖ إِنَّكَ لَن تَخْرِقَ الْأَرْضَ وَلَن تَبْلُغَ  
 الْجِبَالَ طُولًا ۝١٧ كُلُّ ذٰلِكَ كَانَ سَيِّئُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ  
 مَكْرُوهًا ۝١٨ ذٰلِكَ مِمَّا أَوْحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ رَبُّكَ مِنَ الْحِكْمَةِ ۖ  
 وَلَا تَجْعَلْ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ فَتُلْقَىٰ فِي جَهَنَّمَ مَلُومًا  
 مَّدْحُورًا ۝١٩ أَفَاصْفُكُم بِرَبُّكُمْ بِالْبَنِينَ وَاتَّخَذَ مِنَ  
 الْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنَاثًا ۖ إِنَّكُمْ لَتَقُولُونَ قَوْلًا عَظِيمًا ۝٢٠ وَلَقَدْ  
 صَرَّفْنَا فِي هَٰذَا الْقُرْآنِ لِيَذَّكَّرُوا ۖ وَمَا يَزِيدُهُمْ إِلَّا  
 نُفُورًا ۝٢١ قُلْ لَّوْكَانَ مَعَ الْهَةِ كَمَا يَقُولُونَ إِذَا  
 لَا بَتَّغُوا إِلَىٰ ذِي الْعَرْشِ سَبِيلًا ۝٢٢ سُبْحَنَهُ وَتَعَالَىٰ  
 عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ عُلُوًّا كَبِيرًا ۝٢٣ تَسْبِيحٌ لَهُ السَّمَوَاتُ

## 12) Be Sure

36. Do not follow what you have no 'sure' knowledge of. Indeed, all will be called to account for 'their' hearing, sight, and intellect.

## 13) Be Humble

37. And do not walk on the earth arrogantly. Surely you can neither crack the earth nor stretch to the height of the mountains.

## Compliance with the Commandments

38. The violation of any of these 'commandments' is detestable to your Lord. 39. This is part of the wisdom which your Lord has revealed to you 'O Prophet'. And do not set up any other god with Allah 'O humanity', or you will be cast into Hell, blameworthy, rejected.

## Rebuttal to a Pagan Claim

40. Has your Lord favoured you 'pagans' with sons and taken angels as 'His' daughters?<sup>517</sup> You are truly making an outrageous claim. 41. We have surely varied 'the signs' in this Quran so perhaps they may be mindful, but it only drives them farther away.

## Other Allahs?

42. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Had there been other gods besides Him—as they claim—then they would have certainly sought a way to 'challenge' the Lord of the Throne. 43. Glorified and Highly Exalted is He above what they claim! 44. The seven heavens, the earth,

and all those in them glorify Him. There is not a single thing that does not glorify His praises—but you ‘simply’ cannot comprehend their glorification. He is indeed Most Forbearing, All-Forgiving.

#### *The Pagans Mock the Quran*

45. When you ‘O Prophet’ recite the Quran, We put a hidden barrier between you and those who do not believe in the Hereafter. 46. We have cast veils over their hearts—leaving them unable to comprehend it—and deafness in their ears. And when you mention your Lord alone in the Quran, they turn their backs in aversion. 47. We know best how they listen to your recitation and what they say privately—when the wrongdoers say, “You would only be following a bewitched man.” 48. See how they call you names ‘O Prophet’!<sup>518</sup> So they have gone so ‘far’ astray that they cannot find the ‘Right’ Way.

#### *The Resurrection*

49. And they say ‘mockingly’, “When we are reduced to bones and ashes, will we really be raised as a new creation?” 50. Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “Yes, even if” you become stones, or iron, 51. or whatever you think is harder to bring to life!”

السَّيِّعُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ وَإِنْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا يَسْبِغُ  
بِحَبْدَةٍ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَفْقَهُونَ تَسْبِيحَهُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ  
حَلِيمًا غَفُورًا ﴿٤٥﴾ وَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ جَعَلْنَا بَيْنَكَ  
وَالَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ حِجَابًا مَسْتُورًا ﴿٤٦﴾  
وَجَعَلْنَا عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ أَكِنَّةً أَنْ يَفْقَهُوهُ وَفِي آذَانِهِمْ  
وَقْرَاءٌ وَإِذَا ذَكَرْتَ رَبَّكَ فِي الْقُرْآنِ وَحْدَهُ وَلَوَّاعًا  
أَدْبَارَهُمْ نُفُورًا ﴿٤٧﴾ نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَسْتَمِعُونَ بِهِ إِذْ  
يَسْتَمِعُونَ إِلَيْكَ وَإِذْ هُمْ نَجْوَى إِذْ يَقُولُ الظَّالِمُونَ  
إِنْ تَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا رَجُلًا مَسْحُورًا ﴿٤٨﴾ أَنْظِرْ كَيْفَ ضَرَبُوا  
لَكَ الْأَمْثَالَ فَضَلُّوا فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ سَبِيلًا ﴿٤٩﴾  
وَقَالُوا إِذَا كُنَّا عِظَامًا وَرُفَاتًا إِنْ نَا لَبْعُوْثُونَ  
خَلْقًا جَدِيدًا ﴿٥٠﴾ قُلْ كُونُوا حِجَارَةً أَوْ حَدِيدًا ﴿٥١﴾ أَوْ  
خَلْقًا مِمَّا يَكْبُرُ فِي صُدُورِكُمْ فَسَيَقُولُونَ مَنْ يُعِيدُنَا

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518 They rejected you as a magician, a poet, a fabricator, and mad man.

قُلِ الَّذِي فَطَرَكُمْ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ ۖ فَسَيُنْغِضُونَ إِلَيْكَ  
رُءُوسَهُمْ وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هُوَ ۖ قُلْ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَكُونَ  
قَرِيبًا ۖ يَوْمَ يَدْعُوكُمْ فَتَسْتَجِيبُونَ بِحَمْدِهِ وَتَظُنُّونَ  
إِنْ لَبِثْتُمْ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۖ وَقُلْ لِّلْعِبَادِ يُقُولُوا الْبَاقِي  
هُوَ أَحْسَنُ ۖ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَنْزِعُ بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ  
كَانَ لِلنَّاسِ عَدُوًّا مُّبِينًا ۖ رَبُّكُمْ أَعْلَمُ بِكُمْ ۖ  
إِنْ يَشَأْ يُرْحَمَكُم ۖ أَوْ إِنْ يَشَأْ يُعَذِّبْكُمْ ۖ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ  
عَلَيْهِمْ وَكِيلًا ۖ وَرَبُّكَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ وَلَقَدْ فَضَّلْنَا بَعْضَ النَّبِيِّينَ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ  
وَأَتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ زَبُورًا ۖ قُلِ ادْعُوا الَّذِينَ زَعَمْتُمْ مِنْ  
دُونِهِ فَلَا يَمْلِكُونَ كَشْفَ الضُّرِّ عَنْكُمْ وَلَا تَحْوِيلًا ۖ  
أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ يَبْتَغُونَ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمُ  
الْوَسِيلَةَ أَيُّهُمْ أَقْرَبُ وَيَرْجُونَ رَحْمَتَهُ وَيَخَافُونَ

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Then they will ask "you", "Who will bring us back 'to life'?" Say, "The One Who created you the first time." They will then shake their heads at you and ask, "When will that be?" Say, "Perhaps it is soon!" 52. On the Day He will call you, you will 'instantly' respond by praising Him,<sup>519</sup> thinking you had remained 'in the world' only for a little while.

#### Advice to the Prophet

53. Tell My "believing" servants to say only what is best. Satan certainly seeks to sow discord among them. Satan is indeed a sworn enemy to humankind.

#### Invitation to the Disbelievers

54. Your Lord knows you best. He may have mercy on you if He wills, or punish you if He wills. We have not sent you "O Prophet" as a keeper over them. 55. Your Lord knows best all those in the heavens and the earth. And We have surely favoured some prophets above others, and to David We gave the Psalms.<sup>520</sup>

#### Other Allahs Besides Allah?

56. Say, "O Prophet," "Invoke those you claim 'to be divine'<sup>521</sup> besides Him—they do not have the power to undo harm from you or transfer it 'to someone else'." 57. "Even" the closest 'to Allah' of those invoked would be seeking a way to their Lord, hoping for His mercy, and fearing His punishment.

519 When everyone is raised from the dead, they will all praise Allah, regardless of what they had believed in this life.

520 The reason David is singled out here is because some Jewish authorities at the time of the Prophet (ﷺ) claimed that no scripture had been revealed after Moses. So this verse refutes this claim by referring to the Psalms of David.

521 i.e., Jesus, Ezra, and the angels. Idol worship is refuted in other passages such as 7:191-198 and 34:22.

Indeed, your Lord's torment is fearsome.

### Signs Always Denied

58. There is not a 'wicked' society that We will not destroy or punish with a severe torment before the Day of Judgment. That is written in the Record. 59. Nothing keeps Us from sending the 'demanded' signs except that they had 'already' been denied by earlier peoples. And We gave Thamūd the she-camel as a clear sign, but they wrongfully rejected it.<sup>522</sup> We only send the signs as a warning.

### Signs as a Test

60. And 'remember, O Prophet' when We told you, "Certainly your Lord encompasses the people." And We have made what We brought you to see<sup>523</sup> as well as the cursed tree 'mentioned' in the Quran<sup>524</sup> only as a test for the people. We keep warning them, but it only increases them greatly in defiance.

### Satan's Defiance

61. And 'remember' when We said to the angels, "Prostrate before Adam," so they all did—but not *Iblīs*,<sup>525</sup> who protested, "Should I prostrate to the one You have created from mud?" 62. Adding, "Do you see this one you honoured above me? If you delay my end until the Day of Judgment, I will certainly take hold of his descendants, except for a few."

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بَنَى اسْرَٰءِیْلَ ۚ

عَذَابُهُ ۖ إِنَّ عَذَابَ رَبِّكَ كَانَ مَحْذُورًا ۝۵۸ وَإِنْ مِّنْ قَرْيَةٍ إِلَّا نَحْنُ مُهْلِكُوهَا قَبْلَ يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ أَوْ مُعَذِّبُوهَا عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا ۖ كَانَ ذَٰلِكَ فِي الْكِتَابِ مَسْطُورًا ۝۵۹ وَمَا مَنَعَنَا أَنْ نُرْسِلَ بِالْآيَاتِ إِلَّا أَنْ كَذَّبَ بِهَا الْأَوَّلُونَ ۖ وَآتَيْنَا ثَمُودَ النَّاقَةَ مُبْصَرَةً فَظَلَمُوا بِهَا ۖ وَمَا نُرْسِلُ بِالْآيَاتِ إِلَّا تَخَوِيفًا ۝۶۰ وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لَكَ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ أَحَاطَ بِالنَّاسِ ۖ وَمَا جَعَلْنَا الرَّءْيَا الَّذِي آرَيْنَاكَ إِلَّا فِتْنَةً لِلنَّاسِ وَالشَّجَرَةَ الْمَلْعُونَةَ فِي الْقُرْآنِ ۖ وَنُحُوفُهُمْ ۖ فَمَا يَزِيدُهُمْ إِلَّا طُغْيَانًا كَبِيرًا ۝۶۱ وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ ۖ قَالَ ءَأَسْجُدُ لِمَنْ خَلَقْتَ طِينًا ۝۶۲ قَالَ أَرَأَيْتَكَ هَٰذَا الَّذِي كَرَّمْتَ عَلَيَّ دَلِيلًا ۖ أَخَرْتَنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ لَأُحْثِنَنَّ دَرَجَتِي إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۝۶۳ قَالَ أَذْهَبَ فَمَنْ تَبِعَكَ مِنْهُمْ فَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ

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522 Or they did wrong by it.

523 During the Night Journey mentioned in 17:1.

524 The tree of *Zaqqûm* which grows in the depths of Hell as mentioned in 37:62-65. The pagans of Mecca used to make fun of the Prophet (ﷺ) and say, "How can a tree grow in Hell?"

525 See footnote for 2:34.



فَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ جَزَاءُكُمْ جَزَاءً مَّقْفُورًا ۖ وَاسْتَغْفِرُ مَنْ  
 اسْتَطَعَتْ مِنْهُمْ بِصَوْتِكَ وَأَجْلِبْ عَلَيْهِمْ بِخَيْلِكَ  
 وَرَجْلِكَ وَشَارِكْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ وَعِدْهُمْ ۖ  
 وَمَا يَعِدُهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ إِلَّا غُرُورًا ۖ إِنَّ عِبَادِي لَكِ  
 عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطٰنٌ ۖ وَكَفَىٰ بِرَبِّكَ وَكِيلًا ۖ رَبُّكُمْ الَّذِي يُزَيِّجُ  
 لَكُمْ الْفُلْكَ فِي الْبَحْرِ لِتَبْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۖ إِنَّهُ كَانَ  
 بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا ۖ وَإِذَا مَسَّكُمُ الضُّرُّ فِي الْبَحْرِ ضَلَّ مَنْ  
 تَدْعُونَ إِلَّا إِلَٰهًا ۚ فَلَبَّا نَجَّكُمْ إِلَى الْبَرِّ أَعْرَضْتُمْ ۖ  
 وَكَانَ الْإِنْسَانُ كَفُورًا ۖ أَفَأَمِنْتُمْ أَنْ يُخَسِّفَ بِكُمْ جَانِبَ  
 الْبَرِّ أَوْ يُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ حَاصِبًا ثُمَّ لَا تَجِدُوا لَكُمْ  
 وَكِيلًا ۖ أَمْ أَمِنْتُمْ أَنْ يُعِيدَكُمْ فِيهِ تَارَةً أُخْرَىٰ  
 فَيُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ قَاصِفًا مِنَ الرِّيحِ فَيَغْرِقَكُمْ بِمَا كَفَرْتُمْ ۖ  
 ثُمَّ لَا تَجِدُوا لَكُمْ عَلَيْنَا بِهِ تَدِيْعًا ۖ وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا

63. Allah responded, "Be gone! Whoever of them follows you, Hell will surely be the reward for all of you—an ample reward. 64. And incite whoever you can of them with your voice, mobilize against them all your cavalry and infantry, manipulate them in their wealth and children, and make them promises." But Satan promises them nothing but delusion. 65. 'Allah added,' "You will truly have no authority over My 'faithful' servants." And sufficient is your Lord as a Guardian.

#### Human Ingratitude

66. It is your Lord Who steers the ships for you through the sea, so that you may seek His bounty. Surely He is ever Merciful to you. 67. When you are touched with hardship at sea, you 'totally' forget all 'the gods' you 'normally' invoke, except Him. But when He delivers you 'safely' to shore, you turn away. Humankind is ever ungrateful.

#### False Immunity

68. Do you feel secure that He will not cause the land to swallow you up, or unleash upon you a storm of stones? Then you will find none to protect you. 69. Or do you feel secure that He will not send you back to sea once again, and send upon you a violent storm, drowning you for your denial? Then you will find none to avenge you against Us.

*Allah's Favours to Humanity*

70. Indeed, We have dignified the children of Adam, carried them on land and sea, granted them good and lawful provisions, and privileged them far above many of Our creatures.

*The Record of Deeds*

71. 'Beware of' the Day We will summon every people with their leader.<sup>526</sup> So whoever will be given their record in their right hand will read it 'happily' and will not be wronged 'even by the width of' the thread of a date stone. 72. But whoever is blind 'to the truth' in this 'world' will be blind in the Hereafter, and 'even' far more astray from the 'Right' Way.

*Temptation by Meccan Pagans*

73. They definitely 'thought they' were about to lure you away from what We have revealed to you 'O Prophet', hoping that you would attribute something else to Us falsely—and then they would have certainly taken you as a close friend.<sup>527</sup>

74. Had We not made you steadfast, you probably would have inclined to them a little, 75. and then We truly would have made you taste double 'punishment' both in this life and after death, and you would have found no helper against Us. 76. They were about to intimidate you to drive you

out of the land 'of Mecca', but then they would not have survived after you 'had left' except for a little while. 77. 'This has been' Our way with the messengers We sent before you.

بَنِي آدَمَ وَحَمَلْنَهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَهُمْ مِنَ  
الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَهُمْ عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِّمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا  
تَفْضِيلًا ۝ يَوْمَ نَدْعُوا كُلَّ أُنَاسٍ بِإِمَامِهِمْ فَمَنْ  
أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِيَمِينِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ يَقْرَءُونَ كِتَابَهُمْ وَلَا  
يُظْلَمُونَ فَتِيلًا ۝ وَمَنْ كَانَ فِي هَذِهِ أَعْمَىٰ فَهُوَ فِي  
الْآخِرَةِ أَعْمَىٰ وَأَضَلُّ سَبِيلًا ۝ وَإِنْ كَادُوا لَيَفْتِنُونَكَ  
عَنِ الَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ لِتَفْتَرِيَ عَلَيْنَا غَيْرَةً ۖ  
وَإِذَا لَا تَخَذُوكَ خَلِيلًا ۝ وَلَوْلَا أَنْ ثَبَّتْنَاكَ لَقَدْ كِدَّتْ  
تَرَكُنَ إِلَيْهِمْ شَيْئًا قَلِيلًا ۖ إِذَا لَا ذَقْنَكَ ضَعْفَ  
الْحَيَوَةِ وَضَعْفَ الْعَمَلِ ثُمَّ لَا تَحْدُ لَكَ عَلَيْنَا نَصِيرًا ۝  
وَإِنْ كَادُوا لَيَسْتَفِزُّوكَ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ لَيُخْرِجُوكَ  
مِنْهَا وَإِذَا لَا يَلْبَثُونَ خَلْفَكَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۖ سَنَّةَ  
مَنْ قَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا قَبْلَكَ مِنْ رُسُلِنَا وَلَا تَجِدُ لِسُنَّتِنَا

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526 Other meanings include: with their record of deeds, or their prophet, or their scripture.

527 The pagans of Mecca tried in vain to dissuade the Prophet (ﷺ) from preaching the message of Islam. In some instances they offered to worship his Allah if he agreed to bow to their idols, and some even offered him riches and positions if he just stooped preaching in the city.

تَحْوِيلًا ۖ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ لِذُلُوكِ الشَّمْسِ إِلَى غَسَقِ اللَّيْلِ

وَقُرْآنَ الْفَجْرِ ۖ إِنَّ قُرْآنَ الْفَجْرِ كَانَ مَشْهُودًا ﴿٥٨﴾ وَمِنْ

الَّيْلِ فَتَهَجَّدْ بِهِ نَافِلَةً لَّكَ ۖ عَلَىٰ أَن يَبْعَثَكَ

رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا ﴿٥٩﴾ وَقُلْ رَبِّ أَدْخِلْنِي مَدْخَلَ

صِدْقٍ وَأَخْرِجْنِي مُخْرَجَ صِدْقٍ وَاجْعَلْ لِي مِنْ

لَدُنكَ سُلْطَانًا نَّصِيرًا ﴿٦٠﴾ وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ

الْبَاطِلُ ۖ إِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ كَانَ زَهُوقًا ﴿٦١﴾ وَنُنَزِّلُ مِنَ

الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۖ وَلَا يَزِيدُ

الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا خَسَارًا ﴿٦٢﴾ وَإِذَا أُنْعَمْنَا عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ

أَعْرَضَ وَنَأَىٰ بِجَانِبِهِ ۖ وَإِذَا مَسَّهُ الشَّرُّ كَانَ يَئُوسًا ﴿٦٣﴾

قُلْ كُلٌّ يَعْمَلُ عَلَىٰ شَاكِلَتِهِ ۖ فَرَبُّكُمْ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ

هُوَ اهْدَىٰ سَبِيلًا ﴿٦٤﴾ وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الرُّوحِ ۖ قُلِ

الرُّوحُ مِنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّي ۖ وَمَا أُوتِيتُمْ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٦٥﴾

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And you will never find any change in Our way.

#### Advice to the Prophet

78. Observe the prayer from the decline of the sun until the darkness of the night and the recitation at dawn, for certainly the dawn prayer is witnessed 'by angels'.<sup>528</sup> 79. And rise at 'the last' part of the night, offering additional prayers, so your Lord may raise you to a station of praise.<sup>529</sup> 80. And say, "My Lord! Grant me an honourable entrance and an honourable exit<sup>530</sup> and give me a supporting authority from Yourself." 81. And declare, "The truth has come and falsehood has vanished. Indeed, falsehood is bound to vanish."

#### The Quran as a Healing

82. We send down the Quran as a healing and mercy for the believers, but it only increases the wrongdoers in loss.

#### Arrogance and Ingratitude

83. When We grant people Our favours, they turn away, acting arrogantly. But when touched with evil, they lose all hope. 84. Say, 'O Prophet, "Everyone acts in their own way. But your Lord knows best whose way is rightly guided."

#### Question by Pagans

85. They ask you 'O Prophet' about the spirit. Say, "Its nature is known

only to my Lord, and you 'O humanity' have been given but little knowledge."

528 This verse gives the times of the five daily prayers: the decline of the sun refers to the afternoon and late afternoon prayers, the darkness of night refers to sunset and late evening prayers, then the dawn prayer.

529 This refers to the time when the Prophet (ﷺ) will make intercession (shafā'ah) on the Day of Judgment.

530 This verse was revealed when the Prophet (ﷺ) received the order to emigrate from Mecca to Medina. So here he (ﷺ) is praying to leave Mecca honourably and enter Medina honourably. It can also apply to any worldly activity that a person starts and finishes.

*The Quran as a Favour*

86. If We willed, We could have certainly taken away what We have revealed to you 'O Prophet'—then you would find none to guarantee its return from Us— 87. had it not been for the mercy of your Lord. Indeed, His favour upon you is immense.

*The Quran Challenge*

88. Say, 'O Prophet,' "If 'all' humans and jinn were to come together to produce the equivalent of this Quran, they could not produce its equal, no matter how they supported each other."

*Meaningless Demands*

89. And We have truly set forth every 'kind of' lesson for humanity in this Quran, yet most people persist in disbelief. 90. They challenge 'the Prophet', "We will never believe in you until you cause a spring to gush forth from the earth for us, 91. or until you have a garden of palm trees and vineyards, and cause rivers to flow abundantly in it, 92. or cause the sky to fall upon us in pieces, as you have claimed, or bring Allah and the angels before us, face to face, 93. or until you have a house of gold, or you ascend into heaven—and even then we will not believe in your ascension until you bring down to us a book that we can read."

وَلَيْنَ شِئْنَا لَنُدْهَبَنَّ بِالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ ثُمَّ لَا تَجِدُ لَكَ بِهِ عَلَيْنَا وَكِيلًا ۖ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً مِّن رَّبِّكَ ۚ إِنَّ فَضْلَهُ كَانَ عَلَيْكَ كَبِيرًا ۖ قُلْ لِّئِنِ اجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ كَانَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا ۚ وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَا لِلنَّاسِ فِي هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَثَلٍ ۚ فَأَبَىٰ أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ إِلَّا كُفُورًا ۚ وَقَالُوا لَنْ نُؤْمِنَ لَكَ حَتَّىٰ تَفْجُرَ لَنَا مِنَ الْأَرْضِ يَنْبُوعًا ۚ أَوْ تَكُونَ لَكَ بَحْنَةٌ مِّنْ تَحِيْلٍ ۖ وَعَنْبٍ فَتَفْجِرَ الْأَنْهَارَ خِلَافَهَا تَفْجِيرًا ۚ أَوْ تُسْقِطَ السَّمَاءَ كَمَا زَعَمْتَ عَلَيْنَا كِسَفًا أَوْ تَأْتِيَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ قَبِيلًا ۚ أَوْ يَكُونَ لَكَ بَيْتٌ مِّنْ زُخْرَفٍ أَوْ تَرْقَىٰ فِي السَّمَاءِ ۚ وَلَنْ نُؤْمِنَ لِرُقِيِّكَ حَتَّىٰ تُنَزِّلَ عَلَيْنَا

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كِتَابًا تَقْرُوهُ ۚ قُلْ سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ هَلْ كُنْتُ إِلَّا بَشَرًا  
 رَسُولًا ۖ وَمَا مَنَعَ النَّاسَ أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ  
 الْهُدَىٰ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا أَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ بَشَرًا رَسُولًا ۖ قُلْ  
 لَوْ كَانَ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَلَائِكَةٌ يَمَشُّونَ مُطْمَئِنَّينَ  
 لَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْهِم مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ مَلَكًا رَسُولًا ۖ قُلْ كَفَىٰ  
 بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمْ ۚ إِنَّهُ كَانَ بِعِبَادِهِ  
 خَبِيرًا بَصِيرًا ۖ وَمَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ ۚ وَمَنْ  
 يُضِلِلْ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِهِ ۚ وَنَحْشُرُهُمْ  
 يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَلَىٰ وُجُوهِهِمْ عُمِيَآ وَبُكْمًا ۚ وَصَّمَآ مَا وَهَمُ  
 جَهَنَّمَ ۚ كُلَّمَا خَبَتْ زِدْنَاهُمْ سَعِيرًا ۖ ذَلِكَ جَزَاؤُهُمْ  
 بِمَا كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَقَالُوا إِذَا كُنَّا عِظَامًا وَرَفَاتًا  
 ءَاِنَّا لَمَبْعُوثُونَ خَلْقًا جَدِيدًا ۖ أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ  
 الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضَ قَادِرٌ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَخْلُقَ

Say, "Glory be to my Lord! Am I not only a human messenger?"

### An Angelic Messenger?

94. And nothing has prevented people from believing when guidance comes to them except their protest: "Has Allah sent a human as a messenger?"

95. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Had there been angels walking the earth, well settled, We would have surely sent down for them an angel from heaven as a messenger." 96. Say, "Sufficient is Allah as a Witness between me and you. He is certainly All-Knowing, All-Seeing of His servants."

### Reward of the Wicked

97. Whoever Allah guides is truly guided. And whoever He leaves to stray, you will find no guardians for them besides Him. And We will drag them on their faces on the Day of Judgment—deaf, dumb, and blind. Hell will be their home. Whenever it dies down, We will flare it up for them. 98. That is their reward for rejecting Our signs and asking 'mockingly', "When we are reduced to bones and ashes, will we really be raised as a new creation?" 99. Have they not realized that Allah, Who created the heavens and the earth, can 'easily' re-create them?

He has 'already' set for them a time, about which there is no doubt. But the wrongdoers persist in denial. 100. Say 'to them, O Prophet', "Even if you were to possess the 'infinite' treasures of my Lord's mercy, then you would certainly withhold 'them', fearing they would run out—for humankind is ever stingy!"

### Pharaoh Challenges Moses

101. We surely gave Moses nine clear signs.<sup>531</sup> "You, O Prophet, can" ask the Children of Israel. When Moses came to them, Pharaoh said to him, "I really think that you, O Moses, are bewitched." 102. Moses replied, "You know well that none has sent these 'signs' down except the Lord of the heavens and the earth as insights. And I really think that you, O Pharaoh, are doomed." 103. So Pharaoh wanted to scare the Israelites out of the land 'of Egypt', but We drowned him and all of those with him. 104. And We said to the Children of Israel after Pharaoh, "Reside in the land, but when the promise of the Hereafter comes to pass,<sup>532</sup> We will bring you all together."

### The Noble Quran

105. We have sent down the Quran in truth, and with the truth it has come down. We have sent you 'O Prophet' only as a deliverer of good news and a warner. 106. 'It is' a Quran We have

revealed in stages so that you may recite it to people at a deliberate pace. And We have sent it down in successive revelations. 107. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Believe in this 'Quran', or do not.

مِثْلَهُمْ وَجَعَلْ لَهُمْ أَجَلًا لَّا رَيْبَ فِيهِ ۖ فَأَبَى الظَّالِمُونَ  
إِلَّا كُفُورًا ۝ ٩٩ قُلْ لَّوْ أَنتُمْ تَمْلِكُونَ خَزَائِنَ رَحْمَةِ رَبِّي  
إِذَا لَمْ تَسْأَلْنَاهُمْ خَشْيَةَ الْإِنْفَاقِ ۖ وَكَانَ الْإِنْسَانُ قَتُورًا ۝ ١٠٠  
وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى تِسْعَ آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ فَمَسَّ لُبَّ ابْنِ إِسْرَءِيلَ  
إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ فَقَالَ لَهُ فِرْعَوْنُ إِنِّي لَأَظُنُّكَ يَمُوسَى  
مَسْحُورًا ۝ ١٠١ قَالَ لَقَدْ عَلِمْتَ مَا أَنْزَلَ هَؤُلَاءِ إِلَّا رَبُّ  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ بِصَآئِرٍ ۚ وَإِنِّي لَأَظُنُّكَ يَفِرْعَوْنُ  
مَثْبُورًا ۝ ١٠٢ فَأَرَادَ أَنْ يَنْتَفِرَهُمْ مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ فَأَغْرَقْنَاهُ  
وَمَنْ مَّعَهُ جَمِيعًا ۝ ١٠٣ وَقُلْنَا مِّنْ بَعْدِهِ لِبَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ  
اسْكُنُوا الْأَرْضَ فَإِذَا جَاءَ وَعْدُ الْآخِرَةِ جِئْنَا بِكُمْ لَفِيفًا ۝ ١٠٤  
وَبِالْحَقِّ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ وَبِالْحَقِّ نَزَلَ ۖ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا مُبَشِّرًا  
وَنَذِيرًا ۝ ١٠٥ وَقُرْآنًا فَرَقْنَاهُ لِتَقْرَأَهُ عَلَى النَّاسِ عَلَى  
مَكَّةٍ وَنَزَّلْنَاهُ تَنْزِيلًا ۝ ١٠٦ قُلْ إِمْنُؤْا بِهِ أَوْ لَا تُؤْمِنُوا ۚ

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531 The nine signs of Moses are: the staff, the hand (both mentioned in 20:17-22), famine, shortage of crops, floods, locusts, lice, frogs, and blood (all mentioned in 7:130-133). These signs came as proofs for Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Otherwise, Moses had some other signs such water gushing out of the rock after he hit it with his staff, and splitting the sea.

532 This may also refer to the second warning in 17:7.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ إِذَا يُتْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ  
يَخْرُونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ سُجَّدًا ۝ وَيَقُولُونَ سُبْحَنَ رَبِّنَا  
إِنْ كَانَ وَعْدُ رَبِّنَا لَمَفْعُولًا ۝ وَيَخْرُونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ  
يَبْكُونَ وَيَزِيدُهُمْ خُشُوعًا ۝ قُلِ ادْعُوا اللَّهَ أَوْ  
ادْعُوا الرَّحْمَنَ ۖ أَيَّامًا تَدْعُوا فَلَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَى ۖ  
وَلَا تَجْهَرُ بِصَلَاتِكَ وَلَا تُخَافُتُ بِهَا وَابْتَغِ بَيْنَ  
ذَلِكَ سَبِيلًا ۝ وَقُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ  
وَلَدًا وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ  
لَهُ وَلِيٌّ مِّنَ الدُّنْيَا وَكَبِيرُهُ تَكْبِيرًا ۝

﴿آيَاتُهَا ١١٠﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْكَهْفِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٦٩)﴾ ﴿رُكُوعَاتُهَا ١٣﴾  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ الْكِتَابَ وَلَمْ  
يَجْعَلْ لَهُ عِوَجًا ۖ قَيِّمًا لِّيُنذِرَ بَأْسًا شَدِيدًا مِّنْ

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↑ Indeed, when it is recited to those who were gifted with knowledge<sup>533</sup> before it 'was revealed', they fall upon their faces in prostration, 108. and say, 'Glory be to our Lord! Surely the promise of our Lord has been fulfilled.' 109. And they fall down upon their faces weeping, and it increases them in humility."

#### Advice to the Prophet

110. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Call upon Allah or call upon the Most Compassionate—whichever you call, He has the Most Beautiful Names." Do not recite your prayers too loudly or silently, but seek a way between. 111. And say, "All praise is for Allah, Who has never had 'any' offspring;<sup>534</sup> nor does He have a partner in 'governing' the kingdom;<sup>535</sup> nor is He pathetic, needing a protector.<sup>536</sup> And revere Him immensely."



#### 18. The Cave (Al-Kahf)

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Message of the Quran

1. All praise is for Allah Who has revealed the Book to His servant,<sup>537</sup> allowing no crookedness in it, 2. 'making it' perfectly upright, to warn 'the disbelievers'

533 i.e., the faithful among the scholars of the Torah and the Gospel.

534 i.e., Jesus, Ezra, or the angels.

535 i.e., another Allah equal to Him.

536 i.e., the idols.

537 Muhammad (ﷺ).

of a severe torment from Him; to give good news to the believers—who do good—that they will have a fine reward, 3. in which they will remain forever; 4. and to warn those who claim, “Allah has offspring.”<sup>538</sup> 5. They have no knowledge of this, nor did their forefathers. What a terrible claim that comes out of their mouths! They say nothing but lies.

#### Be Steadfast

6. Now, perhaps you ‘O Prophet’ will grieve yourself to death over their denial, if they ‘continue to’ disbelieve in this message. 7. We have indeed made whatever is on earth as an adornment for it, in order to test which of them is best in deeds. 8. And We will certainly reduce whatever is on it to barren ground.

#### Story 1) The People of the Cave

9. Have you ‘O Prophet’ thought that the people of the cave and the plaque were ‘the only’ wonders of Our signs?<sup>539</sup> 10. ‘Remember’ when those youths took refuge in the cave, and said, “Our Lord! Grant us mercy from Yourself and guide us rightly through our ordeal.” 11. So We caused them to fall into a dead sleep<sup>540</sup> in the cave for many years,

لَدُنْهُ وَيُبَشِّرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ  
أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا حَسَنًا ۖ مَا كَثِيرٌ فِيهِ أَبَدًا ۝  
وَيُنذِرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا اتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ وَلَدًا ۚ مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ  
مِنْ عِلْمٍ وَلَا لِآبَائِهِمْ ۚ كَبُرَتْ كَلِمَةً تَخْرُجُ مِنْ  
أَفْوَاهِهِمْ ۚ إِنَّ يَقُولُونَ إِلَّا كَذِبًا ۝ فَلَعَلَّكَ بَاخِعٌ  
نَفْسَكَ عَلَى آثَارِهِمْ إِنْ لَمْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ  
أَسَفًا ۝ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا مَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ زِينَةً لَّهَا  
لِنَبْلُوَهُمْ أَيُّهُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا ۝ وَإِنَّا لَجَاعِلُونَ مَا  
عَلَيْهَا صَعِيدًا جُرُزًا ۝ أَمْ حَسِبْتَ أَنَّ أَصْحَابَ الْكَهْفِ  
وَالرَّقِيمِ ۖ كَانُوا مِنْ آيَاتِنَا عَجَبًا ۝ إِذْ أَوَى الْفِتْيَةُ  
إِلَى الْكَهْفِ فَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا آتِنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ  
رَحْمَةً وَهَيِّئْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدًا ۝ فَضَرْبَنَا  
عَلَى أَذَانِهِمْ فِي الْكَهْفِ سِنِينَ عَدَدًا ۝ ثُمَّ

بَعَثْنَاهُمْ

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538 i.e., Jesus in Christianity and the angels in Arab pagan tradition.

539 *Ar-Raqim* is the plaque that was placed at the entrance of the cave with the names and story of the People of the Cave. This is the story of a group of Christian youths who hid inside a cave outside the city of Ephesus around 250 C.E., to escape persecution at the hands of pagans during the reign of the Roman emperor Decius. The Quran does not give an exact number of the youths, although many scholars believe there were seven in addition to a dog. The youths slept for 300 years, plus nine (300 solar years equal 309 lunar years).

540 lit.. We cast a cover of ‘deep’ sleep over their ears.



بَعَثْنَهُمْ لِتَعْلَمَ أَيُّ الْحِزْبَيْنِ أَحْصَى لِمَا لَبِثُوا  
 أَمَدًا ۚ نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ نَبَأَهُم بِالْحَقِّ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ  
 فِتْيَةٌ آمَنُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ وَزِدْنَاهُمْ هُدًى ۖ وَرَبَطْنَا  
 عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ إِذْ قَامُوا فَقَالُوا رَبُّنَا رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ  
 وَالْأَرْضِ لَنْ نَدْعُو مِنْ دُونِهِ إِلَهًا لَقَدْ قُلْنَا  
 إِذَا شَطَطًا ۖ هَؤُلَاءِ قَوْمُنَا اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ  
 آلِهَةً ۖ لَوْلَا يَأْتُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِسُلْطَانٍ بَيِّنٍ ۖ فَمَنْ  
 أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا ۚ وَإِذْ  
 اعْتَرَضْتُهُمْ وَمَا يَعْبُدُونَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ فَأَوْا إِلَى الْكَهْفِ  
 يَنْشُرْ لَكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ وَيُهَيِّئْ لَكُمْ مِنْ  
 أَمْرِكُمْ مَرْفَاقًا ۚ وَتَرَى الشَّمْسَ إِذَا طَلَعَتْ تَزُورُ  
 عَنْ كَهْفِهِمْ ذَاتَ الْيَمِينِ وَإِذَا غَرَبَتْ تَقْرِضُهُمْ  
 ذَاتَ الشِّمَالِ وَهُمْ فِي فَجْوَةٍ مِنْهُ ۖ ذَلِكَ مِنْ

12. then We raised them so We may show which of the two groups would make a better estimation of the length of their stay.<sup>541</sup>

#### Standing up for the Truth

13. We relate to you 'O Prophet' their story in truth. They were youths who truly believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance. 14. And We strengthened their hearts when they stood up and declared, "Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. We will never call upon any god besides Him, or we would truly be uttering an outrageous lie." 15. "Then they said to one another," "These people of ours have taken gods besides Him. Why do they not produce a clear proof of them? Who then does more wrong than those who fabricate lies against Allah? 16. Since you have distanced yourselves from them and what they worship besides Allah, take refuge in the cave. Your Lord will extend His mercy to you and accommodate you in your ordeal."

#### In the Cave

17. And you would have seen the sun, as it rose, inclining away from their cave to the right, and as it set, declining away from them to the left, while they lay in its open space.<sup>542</sup>

<sup>541</sup> The People of the Cave themselves disagreed on how long they had slept in the cave. See 18:19.

<sup>542</sup> While they slept in the open space of the cave, fresh air blew through the cave, but they were protected from the heat of the sun.

That is one of the signs of Allah. Whoever Allah guides is truly guided. But whoever He leaves to stray, you will never find for them a guiding mentor. 18. And you would have thought they were awake,<sup>543</sup> though they were asleep. We turned them over, to the right and left, while their dog stretched his forelegs at the entrance. Had you looked at them, you would have certainly fled away from them, filled with horror.

### The Youths Are Awakened

19. And so We awakened them so that they might question one another. One of them exclaimed, "How long have you remained 'asleep'?" Some replied, "Perhaps a day, or part of a day." They said 'to one another', "Your Lord knows best how long you have remained. So send one of you with these silver coins of yours to the city, and let him find which food is the purest, and then bring you provisions from it. Let him be 'exceptionally' cautious, and do not let him give you away. 20. For, indeed, if they find out about you, they will stone you 'to death', or force you back into their faith, and then you will never succeed."

### The Hideout Is Found

21. That is how We caused them to be discovered so that their people

أَيَّتِ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ ۖ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ  
فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا مُرْشِدًا ۝ وَتَحْسَبُهُمْ أَيْقَاظًا  
وَهُمْ رُقُودٌ ۚ وَنُقَلِّبُهُمْ ذَاتَ الْيَمِينِ وَذَاتَ الشَّمَالِ ۚ  
وَكَلْبُهُمْ بَاسِطٌ ذِرَاعَيْهِ بِالْوَصِيدِ ۚ لَوِ اطَّلَعْتَ  
عَلَيْهِمْ لَوَلَّيْتَ مِنْهُمْ فِرَارًا وَلَمُلِئْتَ مِنْهُمْ رُعبًا ۝  
وَكَذَلِكَ بَعَثْنَاهُمْ لِيَتَسَاءَلُوا بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ قَالَ قَائِلٌ  
مِّنْهُمْ كَمْ لَبِثْتُمْ ۖ قَالُوا لَبِثْنَا يَوْمًا أَوْ بَعْضُ يَوْمٍ ۖ  
قَالُوا رَبُّكُمْ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا لَبِثْتُمْ ۖ فَابْعَثُوا أَحَدَكُمْ  
بِوَرَقِكُمْ هَذِهِ إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ فَلْيَنْظُرْ أَيُّهَا أَزْكَى  
طَعَامًا فَلْيَأْتِكُمْ بِرِزْقٍ مِّنْهُ وَلْيَتَلَطَّفْ وَلَا  
يُشْعِرَنَّ بِكُمْ أَحَدًا ۝ إِنَّهُمْ إِنْ يَظْهَرُوا عَلَيْكُمْ  
يَرْجُمُوكُمْ أَوْ يُعِيدُوكُمْ فِي مِلَّتِهِمْ وَلَنْ تُفْلِحُوا إِذًا  
أَبَدًا ۝ وَكَذَلِكَ أَخْرَجْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ لِيَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ وَعْدَ

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<sup>543</sup> This is because, during their long sleep, their eyes were open, their hair grew long, and their bodies rolled over to the right and left to prevent bedsores.

اللَّهُ حَقٌّ وَأَنَّ السَّاعَةَ لَأَرْبَبَ فِيهَا إِذِيتَنَّا رَعُونَ  
 بَيْنَهُمْ أَمْرَهُمْ فَقَالُوا ابْنُوا عَلَيْهِمْ بُيُوتًا ط رَبُّهُمْ  
 أَعْلَمُ بِهِمْ ط قَالَ الَّذِينَ غَلَبُوا عَلَى أَمْرِهِمْ لَنَتَّخِذَنَّ  
 عَلَيْهِمْ مَسْجِدًا ٢١ سَيَقُولُونَ ثَلَاثَةٌ رَّابِعُهُمْ  
 كَلْبُهُمْ ٢ وَيَقُولُونَ خَمْسَةٌ سَادِسُهُمْ كَلْبُهُمْ رَجْمًا  
 بِالْغَيْبِ ٣ وَيَقُولُونَ سَبْعَةٌ وَثَامِنُهُمْ كَلْبُهُمْ ط  
 قُلْ رَبِّي أَعْلَمُ بِعَدَّتِهِمْ مَّا يَعْلَمُهُمْ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ ٤  
 فَلَا تَمَارِقِهِمْ إِلَّا مَرَاءً ظَاهِرًا ٥ وَلَا تَسْتَفْتِ فِيهِمْ  
 مِنْهُمْ أَحَدًا ٦ وَلَا تَقُولَنَّ لِشَيْءٍ إِنِّي فَاعِلٌ  
 ذَلِكْ غَدًا ٧ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ ذُو ذِكْرٍ رَبِّكَ  
 إِذَا نَسِيتَ وَقُلْ عَسَى أَنْ يَهْدِيَنِّي رَبِّي لِأَقْرَبَ  
 مِنْ هَذَا ارْشَادًا ٨ وَلَبِثُوا فِي كَهْفِهِمْ ثَلَاثَ مِائَةٍ  
 سِنِينَ وَارْتَدَادُوا تِسْعًا ٩ قُلِ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا

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might know that Allah's promise 'of resurrection' is true and that there is no doubt about the Hour.<sup>544</sup> When the people disputed with each other about the case of the youth 'after their death',<sup>545</sup> some proposed, "Build a structure around them. Their Lord knows best about them." Those who prevailed in the matter said, "We will surely build a place of worship over them."

#### How Many Were They?

22. Some will say, "They were three, their dog was the fourth," while others will say, "They were five, their dog was the sixth," 'only' guessing blindly. And others will say, "They were seven and their dog was the eighth." Say, 'O Prophet,' "My Lord knows best their 'exact' number. Only a few people know as well." So do not argue about them except with sure knowledge,<sup>546</sup> nor consult any of those 'who debate' about them.

#### Say, "Allah Willing"

23. And never say of anything, "I will definitely do this tomorrow,"  
 24. without adding, "if Allah so wills!" But if you forget, then remember your Lord, and say, "I trust my Lord will guide me to what is more right than this."

#### Time Spent in the Cave

25. They had remained in their cave for three hundred years, adding nine.<sup>547</sup>

26. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Allah knows best how long they stayed.

544 Their antique silver coins gave them away. People rushed to the cave to greet the youths, who finally passed away and were buried in the cave. The King decided to build a place of worship at the cave to commemorate their story.

545 Some pagans suggested that a wall should be built to seal off the cave, whereas the believers decided to build a place of worship at the cave to honour those youths.

546 Based on what has been revealed in the Quran.

547 Three hundred years in the Gregorian calendar equal three hundred and nine years in the Islamic lunar calendar.

With Him 'alone' is 'the knowledge of the unseen of the heavens and the earth. How perfectly He hears and sees! They have no guardian besides Him, and He shares His command with none.'

#### Advice to the Prophet

27. Recite what has been revealed to you from the Book of your Lord. None can change His Words, nor can you find any refuge besides Him. 28. And patiently stick with those who call upon their Lord morning and evening, seeking His pleasure.<sup>548</sup> Do not let your eyes look beyond them, desiring the luxuries of this worldly life. And do not obey those whose hearts We have made heedless of Our remembrance, who follow 'only' their desires and whose state is 'total' loss.

#### Warning to the Disbelievers

29. And say, 'O Prophet,' "This is the truth from your Lord. Whoever wills let them believe, and whoever wills let them disbelieve." Surely We have prepared for the wrongdoers a Fire whose walls will 'completely' surround them. When they cry for aid, they will be aided with water like molten metal, which will burn 'their' faces. What a horrible drink! And what a terrible place to rest!

#### Reward of the Believers

30. As for those who believe and do good,

لَيْتُوا لَهُ غَيْبُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ أَبْصَرَهُ  
وَأَسْمَعَ ۖ مَا لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا يُشْرِكُ  
فِي حُكْمِهِ أَحَدًا ﴿٢٧﴾ وَأَتْلُ مَا أُوْحِيَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ  
كِتَابِ رَبِّكَ ۖ لَا مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَنْ تَجِدَ مِنْ  
دُونِهِ مُلْتَحَدًا ﴿٢٨﴾ وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ  
يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَدُوءِ وَالْعَشِيِّ يُرِيدُونَ  
وَجْهَهُ ۖ وَلَا تَعْدُ عَيْنُكَ عَنْهُمْ ۖ تُرِيدُ زِينَةَ الْحَيَاةِ  
الدُّنْيَا ۖ وَلَا تُطِعْ مَنْ أَغْفَلْنَا قَلْبَهُ عَنْ ذِكْرِنَا  
وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ ۖ وَكَانَ أَمْرُهُ فُرْطًا ﴿٢٩﴾ وَقُلِ الْحَقُّ مِنْ  
رَبِّكُمْ ۖ فَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُؤْمِنْ وَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُكْفُرْ ۚ  
إِنَّا أَعْتَدْنَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ نَارًا ۚ أَحَاطَ بِهِمْ سُرَادِقُهَا ۖ  
وَإِنْ يَسْتَعْجِلُوا يُغَاثُوا بِمَاءٍ كَالْمُهْلِ يَشْوِي الْوُجُوهَ  
ۖ بِئْسَ الشَّرَابُ ۖ وَسَاءَتْ مُرْتَفَقًا ﴿٣٠﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ

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اٰمَنُوْا وَعَمِلُوا الصّٰلِحٰتِ اِنَّا لَا نُضِيعُ اَجْرَ مَنْ اَحْسَنَ  
 عَمَلًا ۙ اُولٰٓئِكَ لَهُمْ جَدَّتْ عَدْنٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ  
 تَحْتِهِمُ الْاَنْهَارُ يُجَالُوْنَ فِيْهَا مِنْ اَسَاوِرَ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ  
 وَيَلْبَسُوْنَ ثِيَابًا خُضْرًا مِّنْ سُنْدُسٍ وَّاِسْتَبْرَقٍ  
 مُّتَكِيْنَ فِيْهَا عَلٰى الْاَرَآئِكِ ۖ نِعْمَ الثَّوَابُ ۙ وَحَسُنَتْ  
 مُّرْتَفَقًا ۚ ۝۳۲ وَاَضْرِبْ لَهُمْ مِّثْلًا لِّرَجُلَيْنِ جَعَلْنَا  
 لِاٰحَدِهِمَا جَنَّتَيْنِ مِنْ اَعْنَابٍ وَحَفَفْنَاهُمَا بِنَخْلٍ  
 وَجَعَلْنَا بَيْنَهُمَا زُرْعًا ۝۳۳ كُلَّتَا الْجَنَّتَيْنِ اَتَتْ  
 اُكْلَهَا وَلَمْ تَظْلَمْ مِنْهُ شَيْئًا ۙ وَفَجَرْنَا خِلَاهُمَا  
 نَهْرًا ۝۳۴ وَكَانَ لَهُ ثَمَرٌ فَقَالَ لِصَاحِبِهِ وَهُوَ يُحَاوِرُهُ  
 اَنَا اَكْثَرُ مِنْكَ مَالًا وَّاَعَزُّ نَفَرًا ۝۳۵ وَدَخَلَ جَنَّتَهُ  
 وَهُوَ ظَالِمٌ لِّنَفْسِهِ ۚ قَالَ مَا اَظُنُّ اَنْ تَبِيْدَ هٰذِهِ  
 اَبَدًا ۝۳۶ وَمَا اَظُنُّ السَّاعَةَ قٰآئِمَةً ۙ وَلَئِنْ رُدِّدْتُ

We certainly never deny the reward of those who are best in deeds. 31. It is they who will have the Gardens of Eternity, with rivers flowing under their feet. There they will be adorned with bracelets of gold, and wear green garments of fine silk and rich brocade, reclining there on 'canopied' couches. What a marvellous reward! And what a fabulous place to rest!

Story 2) The Owner of the Two Gardens

32. Give them 'O Prophet' an example of two men. To 'the disbelieving' one We gave two gardens of grapevines, which We surrounded with palm trees and placed 'various' crops in between. 33. Each garden yielded 'all' its produce, never falling short. And We caused a river to flow between them. 34. And he had other resources<sup>549</sup> 'as well'. So he boasted to a 'poor' companion of his, while conversing with him, "I am greater than you in wealth and superior in manpower." 35. And he entered his property, while wronging his soul, saying, "I do not think this will ever perish, 36. nor do I think the Hour will 'ever' come. And if in fact I am returned to my Lord,

I will definitely get a far better outcome than 'all' this."

#### The Rebuttal

37. His 'believing' companion replied, while conversing with him, "Do you disbelieve in the One Who created you from dust,<sup>550</sup> then 'developed you' from a sperm-drop, then formed you into a man? 38. But as for me: He is Allah, my Lord, and I will never associate anyone with my Lord 'in worship'. 39. If only you had said, upon entering your property, 'This is what Allah has willed! There is no power except with Allah!' Even though you see me inferior to you in wealth and offspring, 40. perhaps my Lord will grant me 'something' better than your garden, and send down upon your garden a thunderbolt from the sky, turning it into a barren waste. 41. Or its water may sink 'into the earth', and then you will never be able to seek it out."

#### The Punishment

42. And so all his produce was 'totally' ruined, so he started to wring his hands for all he had spent on it, while it had collapsed on its trellises. He cried, "Alas! I wish I had never associated anyone with my Lord 'in worship'!" 43. And he had no manpower to help him against Allah,

إِلَىٰ رَبِّي لِأَجِدَنَّ خَيْرًا مِّنْهَا مُنْقَلَبًا ۖ قَالَ  
لَهُ صَاحِبُهُ وَهُوَ يُحَاوِرُهُ أَكَفَرْتَ بِالَّذِي  
خَلَقَكَ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ سَوَّكَ  
رَجُلًا ۚ لَكِنَّا هُوَ اللَّهُ رَبِّي وَلَا أُشْرِكُ بِرَبِّي  
أَحَدًا ۚ وَلَوْلَا إِذْ دَخَلْتَ جَنَّتَكَ قُلْتُ مَا  
شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ تَرَنِّيًا أَنَا أَقَلُّ  
مِنْكَ مَالًا وَوَلَدًا ۖ فَعَسَىٰ رَبِّي أَن يُّؤْتِيَنِي  
خَيْرًا مِّنْ جَنَّتِكَ وَيُرْسِلَ عَلَيْهَا حُسْبَانًا مِّنَ  
السَّمَاءِ فَتُصْبِحَ صَعِيدًا زَلَقًا ۚ أَوْ يُصْبِحَ مَأْوَهَا  
غُورًا فَلَنْ تَسْتَطِيعَ لَهُ طَلَبًا ۚ وَأُحِيطَ بِثَمَرِهِ  
فَأَصْبَحَ يُغْلِبُ كَفْيِهِ عَلَىٰ مَا أَنْفَقَ فِيهَا وَهِيَ  
خَاوِيَةٌ عَلَىٰ عُرُوشِهَا وَيَقُولُ يَلَيْتَنِي لَمْ أُشْرِكْ  
بِرَبِّي أَحَدًا ۚ وَلَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ فِئَةٌ يَنْصُرُونَهُ

550 Created your father, Adam, from dust.

nor could he 'even' help himself. 44. At this time, support comes 'only' from Allah—the True 'Lord'. He is best in reward and best in outcome.

#### *Fleeting and Everlasting Gains*

45. And give them a parable of this worldly life. 'It is' like the plants of the earth, thriving when sustained by the rain We send down from the sky. Then they 'soon' turn into chaff scattered by the wind. And Allah is fully capable of 'doing' all things. 46. Wealth and children are the adornment of this worldly life, but the everlasting good deeds are far better with your Lord in reward and in hope.<sup>551</sup>

#### *Judgment Day*

47. 'Beware of' the Day We will blow the mountains away, and you will see the earth laid bare. And We will gather all 'humankind', leaving none behind. 48. They will be presented before your Lord in rows, 'and the deniers will be told,' "You have surely returned to Us 'all alone' as We created you the first time, although you 'always' claimed that We would never appoint a time for your return." 49. And the record 'of deeds' will be laid 'open', and you will see the wicked in fear of what is 'written' in it. They will cry, "Woe to us!

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مَنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَمَا كَانَ مُنتَصِرًا ۖ هُنَالِكَ  
الْوَلَايَةُ لِلَّهِ الْحَقِّ ۖ هُوَ خَيْرٌ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ عُقْبًا ۖ  
وَاضْرِبْ لَهُمْ مَثَلِ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا كَمَا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ  
مِنَ السَّمَاءِ فَاخْتَلَطَ بِهِ نَبَاتُ الْأَرْضِ فَأَصْبَحَ  
هَشِيمًا تَذْرُوهُ الرِّيْحُ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
مُقْتَدِرًا ۖ ۞ أَلْبَابُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا  
وَالْبَقِيَّةُ الصَّالِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ  
أَمَلًا ۖ ۞ وَيَوْمَ نُسَيِّرُ الْجِبَالَ وَتَرَى الْأَرْضَ بَارِزَةً ۖ  
وَحَشَرْنَاهُمْ فَلَمْ نُغَادِرْ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدًا ۖ ۞ وَعَرَضُوا  
عَلَىٰ رَبِّكَ صَفًّا ۖ لَقَدْ جِئْتُمُونَا كَمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ  
أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ ۖ بَلْ زَعَمْتُمْ أَلَّنْ نَجْعَلَ لَكُمْ مَوْعِدًا ۖ ۞  
وَوُضِعَ الْكِتَابُ فَتَرَى الْمُجْرِمِينَ مُشْفِقِينَ  
مِمَّا فِيهِ وَيَقُولُونَ يُوَيْلِلَنَا مَا لِ هَذَا الْكِتَابِ

لَا يُغَادِرُ

مَنْزِلٌ

551 This refers to good deeds that will benefit the believer in the Hereafter such as prayers or praises of Allah such as saying: 'Subhāna-Allāh' (Glory be to Allah), 'Alḥamdulillāh' (Praise be to Allah), 'Lā ilāha illa-Allāh' (There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Allah), and 'Allāhu akbar' (Allah is the Greatest).

What kind of record is this that does not leave any sin, small or large, unlisted?" They will find whatever they did present 'before them'. And your Lord will never wrong anyone.

#### *Satan and His Followers*

50. And 'remember' when We said to the angels, "Prostrate before Adam," so they all did—but not *Iblis*,<sup>552</sup> who was one of the jinn, but he rebelled against the command of his Lord. Would you then take him and his descendants as patrons instead of Me, although they are your enemy? What an evil alternative for the wrongdoers 'to choose'! 51. I never called them to witness the creation of the heavens and the earth or 'even' their own creation, nor would I take the misleaders as helpers. 52. And 'beware of' the Day He will say, "Call upon those you claimed were My associate-gods." So they will call them, but will receive no response. And We will make them 'all' share in the same doom. 53. The wicked will see the Fire and realize that they are bound to fall into it, and will find no way to avoid it.

#### *Denying the Quran*

54. We have surely set forth in this Quran every 'kind of' lesson for people,

لَا يُغَادِرُ صَغِيرَةً وَلَا كَبِيرَةً إِلَّا أَحْصَاهَا  
وَوَجَدُوا مَا عَمِلُوا حَاضِرًا ۖ وَلَا يَظْلِمُ رَبُّكَ  
أَحَدًا ۖ ﴿٥٠﴾ وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ  
فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ ۖ كَانَ مِنَ الْجِنِّ فَفَسَقَ  
عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِ ۖ أَفَتَتَّخِذُونَهُ وَذُرِّيَّتَهُ أَوْلِيَاءَ  
مِنْ دُونِي وَهُمْ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ بِئْسَ لِلظَّالِمِينَ  
بَدَلًا ۖ ﴿٥١﴾ مَا أَشْهَدْتُهُمْ خَلْقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
وَلَا خَلْقَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ ۖ وَمَا كُنْتُ مُتَّخِذَ الْمُضِلِّينَ  
عَضْدًا ۖ ﴿٥٢﴾ وَيَوْمَ يَقُولُ نَادُوا شُرَكَائِيَ  
الَّذِينَ زَعِمْتُمْ فَدَعَوْهُمْ فَلَمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَهُمْ  
وَجَعَلْنَا بَيْنَهُمْ مَوْبِقًا ۖ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَرَأَى الْجَرْمُونَ النَّارَ  
فَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُمْ مُوَاقِعُوهَا وَلَمْ يَجِدُوا عَنْهَا

مَصْرَفًا ۖ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَا فِي هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لِلنَّاسِ

مِنْ كُلِّ

مَنْزِلٍ



مِنْ كُلِّ مَثَلٍ ۖ وَكَانَ الْإِنْسَانُ أَكْثَرَ شَيْءٍ  
 جَدَلًا ۖ ﴿٥٥﴾ وَمَا مَنَعَ النَّاسَ أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ  
 الْهُدَىٰ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ  
 سُنَّةٌ إِلَّا وَلِيَيْنَ أَوْ يَأْتِيَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ قُبُلًا ۖ ﴿٥٦﴾  
 وَمَا نُرْسِلُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ إِلَّا مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ ۚ  
 وَيُجَادِلُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِالْبَاطِلِ لِيُدْحِضُوا  
 بِهِ الْحَقَّ وَاتَّخَذُوا آيَاتِي وَمَا أُنذِرُوا هُزُوًا ۖ ﴿٥٧﴾  
 وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ ذُكِّرَ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِ فَأَعْرَضَ  
 عَنْهَا وَنَسِيَ مَا قَدَّمَتْ يَدُهُ ۖ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا عَلَىٰ  
 قُلُوبِهِمْ أَكِنَّةً أَنْ يَفْقَهُوهُ وَفِي آذَانِهِمْ وَقْرًا ۖ ط  
 وَإِنْ تَدْعُهُمْ إِلَى الْهُدَىٰ فَلَنْ يَهْتَدُوا إِلَّا أَبَدًا ۖ ﴿٥٨﴾  
 وَرَبُّكَ الْغَفُورُ ذُو الرَّحْمَةِ ط لَوْ يُؤَاخِذُهُمْ بِمَا  
 كَسَبُوا لَعَجَّلَ لَهُمُ الْعَذَابَ ۖ بَلْ لَهُمْ مَوْعِدٌ

but humankind is the most argumen-  
 tative of all beings. 55. And noth-  
 ing prevents people from believing  
 when guidance comes to them and  
 from seeking their Lord's forgive-  
 ness except 'their demand' to meet  
 the same fate of earlier deniers or that  
 the torment would confront them face  
 to face. 56. We do not send the mes-  
 sengers except as deliverers of good  
 news and warners. But the disbeliev-  
 ers argue in falsehood, 'hoping' to  
 discredit the truth with it, and make a  
 mockery of My revelations and warn-  
 ings. 57. And who does more wrong  
 than those who, when reminded of  
 their Lord's revelations, turn away  
 from them and forget what their own  
 hands have done? We have certainly  
 east veils over their hearts—leav-  
 ing them unable to comprehend this  
 'Quran'—and deafness in their ears.  
 And if you 'O Prophet' invite them  
 to 'true' guidance, they will never be  
 'rightly' guided.

#### Allah's Forbearance

58. Your Lord is the All-Forgiving,  
 Full of Mercy. If He were to seize  
 them "immediately" for what they  
 commit, He would have certainly  
 hastened their punishment.

But they have an appointed time, from which they will find no refuge. 59. Those 'are the' societies We destroyed when they persisted in wrong,<sup>553</sup> and We had set a time for their destruction.

### Story 3) Moses and Al-Khādir

60. And 'remember' when Moses said to his young assistant, "I will never give up until I reach the junction of the two seas, even if I travel for ages."<sup>554</sup> 61. But when they 'finally' reached the point where the seas met, they forgot their 'salted' fish, and it made its way into the sea, slipping away 'wondrously'. 62. When they had passed further, he said to his assistant, "Bring us our meal! We have certainly been exhausted by today's journey." 63. He replied, "Do you remember when we rested by the rock? 'That is when' I forgot the fish. None made me forget to mention this except Satan. And the fish made its way into the sea miraculously."<sup>555</sup> 64. Moses responded, "That is 'exactly' what we were looking for."<sup>556</sup> So they returned, retracing their footsteps.

### The Encounter

65. There they found a servant of Ours, to whom We had granted mercy from Us and enlightened with knowledge of Our Own. 66. Moses said to him,

لَنْ يَجِدُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ مَوْيلًا ٥٩ وَتِلْكَ الْقَرْيَ  
أَهْلَكْنَاهُمْ لَمَّا ظَلَمُوا وَجَعَلْنَا لِمَهْلِكِهِمْ  
مَوْعِدًا ٦٠ وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَى لِفَتَاهُ لَا أَبْرَحُ حَتَّى  
أَبْلُغَ مَجْمَعَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ أَوْ أَمْضِيَ حُقُبًا ٦١ فَلَمَّا بَلَغَا  
مَجْمَعَ بَيْنَهُمَا نَسِيَا حُوتَهُمَا فَاتَّخَذَ سَبِيلَهُ  
فِي الْبَحْرِ سَرَبًا ٦٢ فَلَمَّا جَاوَزَا قَالَ لِفَتَاهُ إِنِّي  
غَدَاةٌ لَكُمْ وَلَقَدْ لَقِينَا مِنْ سَفَرِنَا هَذَا نَصَبًا ٦٣  
قَالَ أَرَأَيْتَ إِذْ أَوَيْنَا إِلَى الصَّخْرَةِ فَإِنِّي نَسِيتُ  
الْحُوتَ ذُو مَا أَنْسَيْنِيهِ إِلَّا الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ أَذْكُرَهُ ٦٤  
وَاتَّخَذَ سَبِيلَهُ فِي الْبَحْرِ عَجَبًا ٦٥ قَالَ ذَلِكَ  
مَا كُنَّا نَبْغُ ٦٦ فَارْتَدَّا عَلَى آثَارِهِمَا قَصَصًا ٦٧  
فَوَجَدَا عَبْدًا مِنْ عِبَادِنَا اتَّبِعَهُ رَحْمَةً مِّنْ  
عِزِّدَنَا وَعَلَّمْنَاهُ مِنْ لَّدُنَّا عِلْمًا ٦٨ قَالَ لَهُ

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مَنْزِلَ ٢

553 i.e., the peoples of 'Ad and Thamûd.

554 It is reported in an authentic narration collected by Bukhârî that a man approached Moses after he gave a talk and asked him, "Who is the most knowledgeable person on earth?" Moses responded, "That would be me!" So Allah revealed to Moses that he should not have said this and there was in fact someone who was more knowledgeable than him. Moses was commanded to travel to meet this man, named Al-Khādir, at the junction of the two seas (which could be the northern part of Sinai between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, or the Southern part of Sinai where the Red Sea splits into the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba).

555 Another possible translation: "The 'salted' fish must have made its way into the sea. How strange!"

556 Moses was given a sign: when he and his assistant Joshua (or Yûsha' ibn Nûn) lost their food (a salted fish), this would be the place where they would find the man of knowledge.

مُوسَىٰ هَلْ أَتَّبِعُكَ عَلَىٰ أَن تُعَلِّمَنِ مِمَّا  
 عُلِّمْتَ رُشْدًا ﴿٦٦﴾ قَالَ إِنَّكَ لَن تَسْتَطِيعَ  
 مَعِيَ صَبْرًا ﴿٦٧﴾ وَكَيْفَ تَصْبِرُ عَلَىٰ مَا لَمْ تُحِطْ  
 بِهِ خُبْرًا ﴿٦٨﴾ قَالَ سَتَجِدُنِي إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ صَابِرًا  
 وَلَا أَعْصِي لَكَ أَمْرًا ﴿٦٩﴾ قَالَ فَإِنِ اتَّبَعْتَنِي  
 فَلَا تَسْأَلْنِي عَنْ شَيْءٍ حَتَّىٰ أُحْدِثَ لَكَ مِنْهُ  
 ذِكْرًا ﴿٧٠﴾ فَأَنْطَلَقَا ۖ وَهُتِفَ أَحَدُهُمَا لِرُكْبَا فِي السَّفِينَةِ  
 خَرَقَهَا ۖ قَالَ أَخَرَقْتَهَا لِتُغْرِقَ أَهْلَهَا ۚ  
 لَقَدْ جِئْتَ شَيْئًا إِمْرًا ﴿٧١﴾ قَالَ أَلَمْ أَقُلْ إِنَّكَ  
 لَن تَسْتَطِيعَ مَعِيَ صَبْرًا ﴿٧٢﴾ قَالَ لَا تُؤَاخِذْنِي  
 بِمَا نَسِيتُ وَلَا تَرْهَقْنِي مِنْ أَمْرِي عُسْرًا ﴿٧٣﴾  
 فَأَنْطَلَقَا ۖ وَهُتِفَ أَحَدُهُمَا لِقَيٍّ غُلَامًا فَقَتَلَهُ ۖ قَالَ أَقْتَلْتُ  
 نَفْسًا زَكِيَّةً ۚ بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ ۖ لَقَدْ جِئْتَ شَيْئًا نُكْرًا ﴿٧٤﴾

"May I follow you, provided that you teach me some of the right guidance you have been taught?" 67. He said, "You certainly cannot be patient 'enough' with me. 68. And how can you be patient with what is beyond your 'realm of' knowledge?" 69. Moses assured 'him', "You will find me patient, Allah willing, and I will not disobey any of your orders." 70. He responded, "Then if you follow me, do not question me about anything until I 'myself' clarify it for you."

#### The Ship Incident

71. So they set out, but after they had boarded a ship, the man made a hole in it. Moses protested, "Have you done this to drown its people? You have certainly done a terrible thing!" 72. He replied, "Did I not say that you cannot have patience with me?" 73. Moses pleaded, "Excuse me for forgetting, and do not be hard on me."

#### The Boy Incident

74. So they proceeded until they came across a boy, and the man killed him. Moses protested, "Have you killed an innocent soul, who killed no one? You have certainly done a horrible thing."

75. He answered, "Did I not tell you that you cannot have patience with me?" 76. Moses replied, "If I ever question you about anything after this, then do not keep me in your company, for by then I would have given you enough of an excuse."

الْبَيْتُ الَّذِي فِيهِ الْكَاهِنُ الْعَظِيمُ (١٩)

#### The Wall Incident

77. So they moved on until they came to the people of a town. They asked them for food, but the people refused to give them hospitality. There they found a wall ready to collapse, so the man set it right. Moses protested, "If you wanted, you could have demanded a fee for this." 78. He replied, "This is the parting of our ways. I will explain to you what you could not bear patiently.

#### The Ship

79. "As for the ship, it belonged to some poor people, working at sea. So I intended to damage it, for there was a 'tyrant' king ahead of them who seizes every 'good' ship by force.

#### The Boy

80. "And as for the boy, his parents were 'true' believers, and we<sup>557</sup> feared that he would pressure them into defiance and disbelief. 81. So we hoped that their Lord would give them another, more virtuous and caring in his place.

قَالَ أَلَمْ أَقُلْ لَّكَ إِنَّكَ لَنْ تَسْتَطِيعَ مَعِيَ صَبْرًا ۝ قَالَ إِنْ سَأَلْتُكَ عَنْ شَيْءٍ بَعْدَهَا فَلَا تُصَحِّبْنِي ۚ قَدْ بَلَغْتَ مِنْ لَدُنِّي عُذْرًا ۝ فَانْطَلَقَا ۚ وَحَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَتَيَا أَهْلَ قَرْيَةٍ اسْتَطْعَمَا أَهْلَهَا فَأَبَوْا أَنْ يُضَيِّفُوهُمَا فَوَجَدَا فِيهَا جِدَارًا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَنْقَضَ فَأَقَامَهُ ۚ قَالَ لَوْ شِئْتُ لَتَخَذْتُ عَلَيْهِ جَزًا ۚ قَالَ هَذَا فِرَاقُ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنِكَ ۚ سَأُنَبِّئُكَ بِتَأْوِيلِ مَا لَمْ تَسْتَطِعْ عَلَيْهِ صَبْرًا ۝ أَمَّا السَّفِينَةُ فَكَانَتْ لِمَسْكِينٍ يَعْمَلُونَ فِي الْبَحْرِ فَأَرَدْتُ أَنْ أَعِيبَهَا وَكَانَ وَرَاءَهُمْ مَلِكٌ يَأْخُذُ كُلَّ سَفِينَةٍ غَصْبًا ۝ وَأَمَّا الْغُلَامُ فَكَانَ أَبَوَاهُ مُؤْمِنَيْنِ فَخَشِينَا أَنْ يُرْهِقَهُمَا طُغْيَانًا وَكُفْرًا ۝ فَأَرَدْنَا أَنْ يُبْدِلَهُمَا رَبُّهُمَا خَيْرًا مِّنْهُ زَكَاةً وَأَقْرَبَ رُحْمًا ۝

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وَأَمَّا الْجِدَارُ فَكَانَ لِغُلَامَيْنِ يَتِيمَيْنِ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ وَكَانَ تَحْتَهُ كَنْزٌ لَهُمَا وَكَانَ أَبُوهُمَا صَالِحًا فَأَرَادَ رَبُّكَ أَنْ يَبْلُغَا أَشُدَّهُمَا وَيَسْتَخْرِجَا كَنْزَهُمَا رَحْمَةً مِّنَ رَبِّكَ ۖ وَمَا فَعَلْتُهُ عَنْ أَمْرِي ۖ ذَٰلِكَ تَأْوِيلُ مَا لَمْ تَسْطِعْ عَلَيْهِ صَبْرًا ۖ وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ ذِي الْقُرْنَيْنِ ۖ قُلْ سَأَتْلُوا عَلَيْكُم مِّنْهُ ذِكْرًا ۖ إِنَّا مَكِّنَّا لَهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَاتَيْنَاهُ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ سَبَبًا ۖ فَاتَّبَعَ سَبَبًا ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ مَغْرِبَ الشَّمْسِ وَجَدَهَا تَغْرُبُ فِي عَيْنٍ حَمِئَةٍ ۖ وَوَجَدَ عِنْدَهَا قَوْمًا ۖ قُلْنَا يَبْنَؤُا الْقُرْنَيْنِ أَمَّا أَنْ تُعَذِّبَ وَآمَّا أَنْ تَتَّخِذَ فِيهِمْ حُسْنًا ۖ قَالَ أَمَّا مَنْ ظَلَمَ فَسَوْفَ نُعَذِّبُهُ ثُمَّ يُرَدُّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِ فَيُعَذِّبُهُ عَذَابًا نُّكَرًا ۖ وَآمَّا مَنْ آمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَهُ جَزَاءٌ الْحُسْنَىٰ ۖ وَسَنَقُولُ لَهُ مِنْ

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## The Wall

82. "And as for the wall, it belonged to two orphan boys in the city, and under the wall was a treasure that belonged to them, and their father had been a righteous man. So your Lord willed that these children should come of age and retrieve their treasure, as a mercy from your Lord. I did not do it 'all' on my own. This is the explanation of what you could not bear patiently."<sup>558</sup>

## Story 4) Zul-Qarnain

83. They ask you "O Prophet" about Zul-Qarnain. Say, "I will relate to you something of his narrative."<sup>559</sup>

84. Surely We established him in the land, and gave him the means to all things.

## Journey to the West

85. So he travelled a course, 86. until he reached the setting 'point' of the sun, which appeared to him to be setting in a spring of murky water, where he found some people. We said, "O Zul-Qarnain! Either punish them or treat them kindly."

87. He responded, "Whoever does wrong will be punished by us, then will be returned to their Lord, Who will punish them with a horrible torment. 88. As for those who believe and do good, they will have the finest reward,

558 The Prophet (ﷺ) commented on the story, "I wish Moses had been more patient so we can learn more from that wise man."

559 This is the story of a righteous king who travelled far and wide. He is titled Zul-Qarnain (lit., the man of the two horns) because of his journeys to the far east and far west (or the two horns/points of sunrise and sunset). Some believe Zul-Qarnain was Alexander the Great, but this is not sound since Alexander the Great was a polytheist. Many scholars believe it was Abu Kuraib Al-Hamiri, a righteous king from Yemen.

and we will assign them easy commands.”

### *Journey to the East*

89. Then he travelled a ‘different’ course 90. until he reached the rising ‘point’ of the sun. He found it rising on a people for whom We had provided no shelter from it.<sup>560</sup> 91. So it was. And We truly had full knowledge of him.

### *Another Journey*

92. Then he travelled a ‘third’ course 93. until he reached ‘a pass’ between two mountains. He found in front of them a people who could hardly understand ‘his’ language. 94. They pleaded, “O Zul-Qarnain! Surely Gog and Magog<sup>561</sup> are spreading corruption throughout the land. Should we pay you tribute, provided that you build a wall between us and them?” 95. He responded, “What my Lord has provided for me is far better. But assist me with resources, and I will build a barrier between you and them. 96. Bring me blocks of iron!” Then, when he had filled up ‘the gap’ between the two mountains, he ordered, “Blow!” When the iron became red hot, he said, “Bring me molten copper to pour over it.” 97. And so the enemies could neither scale nor tunnel through it. 98. He declared, “This is a mercy from my Lord. But when the promise of my Lord comes to pass, He will level it to the ground.

قَالَ أَلَمْ يَأْمُرْنَا يُسْرًا ۖ ثُمَّ اتَّبَعَ سَبِيلًا ۝ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ مَطْلِعَ الشَّمْسِ وَجَدَهَا تَطْلُعُ عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ لَّمْ يَجْعَلْ لَهُم مِّن دُونِهَا سِتْرًا ۝ كَذَٰلِكَ ۖ وَقَدْ أَحَطْنَا بِمَا لَدَيْهِ خُبْرًا ۝ ثُمَّ اتَّبَعَ سَبِيلًا ۝ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ بَيْنَ السَّدَّيْنِ وَجَدَ مِنْ دُونِهِمَا قَوْمًا ۖ لَا يَكَادُونَ يَفْقَهُونَ قَوْلًا ۝ قَالُوا يَٰذَا الْقَرْنَيْنِ إِنَّ يَأْجُوجَ وَمَاجُوجَ مُفْسِدُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَهَلْ نَجْعَلُ لَكَ خَرْجًا عَلَىٰ أَن تَجْعَلَ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمْ سَدًّا ۝ قَالَ مَا مَكْنِي فِيهِ رَبِّي خَيْرٌ فَأَعِينُونِي بِقُوَّةٍ أَجْعَلْ بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَهُمْ رَدْمًا ۝ أَتُونِي زَبَرَ الْحَدِيدَ ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا سَاوَىٰ بَيْنَ الصَّدَفَيْنِ قَالَ انْفُخُوا ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَعَلَهُ نَارًا ۖ قَالَ أَتُونِي أُفْرِغْ عَلَيْهِ قِطْرًا ۖ فَمَا اسْطَاعُوا أَن يَظْهَرُوهُ ۖ وَمَا اسْتَطَاعُوا لَهُ نَقْبًا ۖ قَالَ هَٰذَا رَحْمَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّي ۖ فَإِذَا جَاءَ وَعْدُ رَبِّي جَعَلَهُ دَكَّاءَ ۚ

<sup>560</sup> They either had no clothes or homes to protect them from the sun.

<sup>561</sup> Gog and Magog are two wild peoples who were sealed off by a barrier built by Zul-Qarnain to stop them from raiding their peaceful neighbours. There are many speculations as to their location, but none is supported by reliable sources. Their coming out is mentioned in 21:96-97 as one of the major signs of the final Hour.

دَكَّاءٌ ۖ وَكَانَ وَعْدُ رَبِّي حَقًّا ۚ وَتَرْكُنَا بِعَضْفِهِمْ  
يَوْمَئِذٍ يَبُوْجُ فِي بَعْضٍ وَنُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ فَجَمَعْنَاهُمْ  
جَمْعًا ۙ ۙ وَعَرَضْنَا جَهَنَّمَ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَرْضًا ۙ  
الَّذِينَ كَانَتْ أَعْيُنُهُمْ فِي غِطَاءٍ عَنْ ذِكْرِي وَكَانُوا  
لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ سَبْعًا ۙ ۙ أَفَحَسِبَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَن  
يَتَّخِذُوا عِبَادِي مِنْ دُونِي أَوْلِيَاءَ ۚ إِنَّا أَعْتَدْنَا  
جَهَنَّمَ لِلْكَافِرِينَ نُزُلًا ۙ ۙ قُلْ هَلْ نُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِالْأَخْسَرِينَ  
أَعْمَالًا ۙ ۙ الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَعِيُهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ  
يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا ۙ ۙ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ وَلِقَائِهِ فَحَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فَلَا  
نُفْعَ لَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ وَنُرْنَا ۙ ۙ ذَلِكَ جَزَاؤُهُمْ  
جَهَنَّمَ بِمَا كَفَرُوا وَاتَّخَذُوا آيَاتِي وَرُسُلِي هُزُوًا ۙ ۙ  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ كَانَتْ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ

And my Lord's promise is ever true." 99. On that Day, We will let them<sup>562</sup> surge 'like waves' over one another. Later, the Trumpet will be blown,<sup>563</sup> and We will gather all 'people' together.

#### *The Wicked on Judgment Day*

100. On that Day We will display Hell clearly for the disbelievers, 101. those who turned a blind eye to My Reminder<sup>564</sup> and could not stand listening 'to it'. 102. Do the disbelievers think they can 'simply' take My servants<sup>565</sup> as lords instead of Me? We have surely prepared Hell as an accommodation for the disbelievers.

#### *The Losers*

103. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Shall we inform you of who will lose the most deeds? 104. 'They are' those whose efforts are in vain in this worldly life, while they think they are doing good! 105. It is they who reject the signs of their Lord and their meeting with Him, rendering their deeds void, so We will not give their deeds any weight on Judgment Day. 106. That is their reward: Hell, for their disbelief and mockery of My signs and messengers.

#### *The Winners*

107. Indeed, those who believe and do good will have the Gardens of Paradise<sup>566</sup>

562 Gog and Magog.

563 On the Day of Judgment, the Trumpet will be blown by an angel—causing all to die. When it is blown a second time, everyone will be raised from the dead to be assembled for the Judgment (see 39:68).

564 i.e., the Quran.

565 i.e., Jesus, Ezra, and the angels.

566 *Al-Firdaws*, the highest place in Paradise.

as an accommodation, 108. where they will be forever, never desiring anywhere else.

#### Recording Allah's Knowledge

109. Say, 'O Prophet,' "If the ocean were ink for 'writing' the Words of my Lord, it would certainly run out before the Words of my Lord were finished, even if We refilled it with its equal."

#### Have Faith and Do Good

110. Say, 'O Prophet,' "I am only a man like you, 'but' it has been revealed to me that your God is only One God. So whoever hopes for the meeting with their Lord, let them do good deeds and associate none in the worship of their Lord."



#### 19. Mary (Mariam)

In the Name of Allah—

the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Zachariah's Prayer

1. *Kāf-Ha-Ya-'Aīn-Sād*. 2. "This is" a reminder of your Lord's mercy to His servant Zachariah, 3. when he cried out to his Lord privately, 4. saying, "My Lord! Surely my bones have become brittle, and grey hair has spread across my head, but I have never been disappointed in my prayer to You, my Lord! 5. And I am concerned about 'the faith of' my relatives after me, since my wife is barren. So grant me, by Your grace,

الْفَرْدَوْسِ نُزُلًا ۚ خَلِيدِينَ فِيهَا لَا يَبْغُونَ عَنْهَا  
حَوْلًا ۚ قُلْ لَوْ كَانَ الْبَحْرُ مِدَادًا لِكَلِمَاتِ رَبِّي لَنَفِدَ  
الْبَحْرُ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَنْفَدَ كَلِمَاتُ رَبِّي وَلَوْ جِئْنَا بِمِثْلِهِ  
مَدَدًا ۚ قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَىٰ أَتَمَّا  
الْهُكْمُ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ ۚ فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ  
عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ ۚ أَحَدًا ۝

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سُورَةُ مَرْيَمَ كَتَبْنَا (١٩) (٣٣) (رُكُوعًا ٦)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝  
كُلُّيَعَصَّ ۝ ١ ذِكْرُ رَحْمَتِ رَبِّكَ عَبْدَهُ زَكَرِيَّا ۝ ٢  
إِذْ نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُ نِدَاءً خَفِيًّا ۝ ٣ قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي وَهَنَ  
الْعَظْمُ مِنِّي وَاشْتَعَلَ الرَّأْسُ شَيْبًا وَلَمْ أَكُنْ  
بِدُعَائِكَ رَبِّ شَقِيًّا ۝ ٤ وَإِنِّي خِفْتُ الْمَوَالِيَ مِنْ  
وَرَائِي وَكَانَتِ امْرَأَتِي عَاقِرًا فَهَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ

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وَلِيَّا ١٤ يَرِثُنِي وَيَرِثُ مِنْ آلِ يَعْقُوبَ ۖ وَاجْعَلْهُ رَبِّ  
 رَضِيًّا ١٥ يَزْكُرِيَا إِنَّا نَبَشِّرُكَ بِغُلَامٍ إِسْمُهُ يُحْيَى ۖ لَمْ  
 نَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ سَمِيًّا ١٦ قَالَ رَبِّ أَنَّى يَكُونُ  
 لِي غُلَامٌ وَكَانَتِ امْرَأَتِي عَاقِرًا وَقَدْ بَلَغْتُ مِنَ  
 الْكِبَرِ عِتِيًّا ١٧ قَالَ كَذَلِكَ ۚ قَالَ رَبُّكَ هُوَ عَلَيَّ  
 هَيِّنٌ وَقَدْ خَلَقْتُكَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَلَمْ تَكُ شَيْئًا ١٨ قَالَ  
 رَبِّ اجْعَلْ لِي آيَةً ۚ قَالَ آيَتُكَ أَلَّا تُكَلِّمَ النَّاسَ  
 ثَلَاثَ لَيَالٍ سَوِيًّا ١٩ فَخَرَجَ عَلَى قَوْمِهِ مِنَ الْمِحْرَابِ  
 فَأَوْحَى إِلَيْهِمْ أَنْ سَبِّحُوا بُكْرَةً وَعَشِيًّا ٢٠ يَلْحَقِي خِذِ  
 الْكِتَابَ بِقُوَّةٍ ۖ وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْحُكْمَ صَبِيًّا ٢١ وَحَنَانًا مِّنَ لَّدُنَّا  
 وَزَكَاةً ۖ وَكَانَ تَقِيًّا ٢٢ وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَيْهِ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ جَبَّارًا  
 عَصِيًّا ٢٣ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَيْهِ يَوْمَ وُلِدَ وَيَوْمَ يَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ  
 يُبْعَثُ حَيًّا ٢٤ وَادْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ مَرْيَمَ إِذِ انْتَبَذَتْ

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an heir, 6. who will inherit 'prophethood' from me and the family of Jacob, and make him, O Lord, pleasing 'to You'!"

#### Prayer Answered

7. 'The angels announced,' "O Zachariah! Indeed, We give you the good news of 'the birth of' a son, whose name will be John—a name We have not given to anyone before." 8. He wondered, "My Lord! How can I have a son when my wife is barren, and I have become extremely old?" 9. An angel replied, "So will it be! Your Lord says, 'It is easy for Me, just as I created you before, when you were nothing!'" 10. Zachariah said, "My Lord! Grant me a sign." He responded, "Your sign is that you will not 'be able to' speak to people for three nights, despite being healthy." 11. So he came out to his people from the sanctuary, signalling to them to glorify 'Allah' morning and evening.

#### John's Noble Qualities

12. 'It was later said,' "O John! Hold firmly to the Scriptures." And We granted him wisdom while 'he was still' a child, 13. as well as purity and compassion from Us. And he was God-fearing, 14. and kind to his parents. He was neither arrogant nor disobedient. 15. Peace be upon him the

day he was born, and the day of his death, and the day he will be raised back to life!

## Gabriel Visits Mary

16. And mention in the Book 'O Prophet, the story of' Mary when she withdrew from her family to a place in the east, 17. screening herself off from them. Then We sent to her Our angel, 'Gabriel,' appearing before her as a man, perfectly formed. 18. She appealed, "I truly seek refuge in the Most Compassionate from you! 'So leave me alone' if you are God-fearing." 19. He responded, "I am only a messenger from your Lord, 'sent' to bless you with a pure son." 20. She wondered, "How can I have a son when no man has ever touched me, nor am I unchaste?" 21. He replied, "So will it be! Your Lord says, 'It is easy for Me. And so will We make him a sign for humanity and a mercy from Us.' It is a matter 'already' decreed."

## Jesus' Virgin Birth

22. So she conceived him and withdrew with him to a remote place. 23. Then the pains of labour drove her to the trunk of a palm tree. She cried, "Alas! I wish I had died before this, and was a thing long forgotten!" 24. So a voice<sup>567</sup> reassured her from below her, "Do not grieve! Your Lord has provided a stream at your feet. 25. And 'if you' shake the trunk of this palm tree towards you, it will drop fresh, ripe dates upon you. 26. So eat and drink, and put your heart at ease.

مِنْ أَهْلِهَا مَكَانًا شَرْقِيًّا ۖ فَاتَّخَذَتْ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ  
حِجَابًا ۖ فَأَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهَا رُوحَنَا فَتَمَثَّلَ لَهَا بَشَرًا  
سَوِيًّا ۚ قَالَتْ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِالرَّحْمَنِ مِنْكَ إِنْ كُنْتُ  
تَقِيًّا ۚ قَالَ إِنَّمَا أَنَا رَسُولُ رَبِّكِ ۖ لِأَهَبَ لَكِ غُلَامًا  
زَكِيًّا ۚ قَالَتْ أَنَّى يَكُونُ لِي غُلَامٌ وَلَمْ يَمْسَسْنِي بَشَرٌ  
وَلَمْ أَكُ بَغِيًّا ۚ قَالَ كَذَلِكَ ۚ قَالَ رَبُّكِ هُوَ عَلَىٰ هَيْئٍ ۚ  
وَلَنَجْعَلَ لَآيَةً لِلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً مِنَّا ۚ وَكَانَ أَمْرًا  
مَّقْضِيًّا ۚ فَحَمَلَتْهُ فَانْتَبَذَتْ بِهِ مَكَانًا قَصِيًّا ۚ  
فَاجَاءَهَا الْمَخَاضُ إِلَىٰ جِذْعِ النَّخْلَةِ ۚ قَالَتْ يَلَيْتَنِي  
مِتُّ قَبْلَ هَذَا وَكُنْتُ نَسِيًّا مَّنْسِيًّا ۚ فَنَادَاهَا مِنْ  
تَحْتِهَا أَلَّا تَحْزَنِي قَدْ جَعَلَ رَبُّكِ تَحْتَكِ سَرِيًّا ۚ  
وَهُزِّي إِلَيْكِ بِجِذْعِ النَّخْلَةِ تُسْقِطُ عَلَيْكَ رَطْبًا  
جَنِيًّا ۚ فَكُلِي وَاشْرَبِي وَقَرِّي عَيْنًا ۚ فَإِمَّا تَرِينِ مِنَ

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567 This was the voice of baby Jesus. Some say it was Gabriel.

الْبَشَرِ أَحَدًا ۖ فَقُولِي إِنِّي نَذَرْتُ لِلرَّحْمَنِ صَوْمًا فَلَنْ  
 أَكَلِمَ الْيَوْمَ أَنسِيًّا ۖ فَاتَتْ بِهِ قَوْمَهَا تَحْمِلُهُ ۖ قَالُوا  
 يَبْرَيْمُ لَقَدْ جِئْتَ شَيْئًا فَرِيًّا ۖ يَأُخِتَ هُرُونَ مَا كَانَ  
 أَبُوكَ امْرَأَ سَوْءٍ وَمَا كَانَتْ أُمُّكَ بَعْثًا ۖ فَأَشَارَتْ  
 إِلَيْهِ ۖ قَالُوا كَيْفَ نُكَلِّمُ مَنْ كَانَ فِي الْهَيْدِ صَبِيًّا ۖ قَالَ  
 إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ ۖ آتَانِي الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا ۖ وَجَعَلَنِي  
 مُبْرَكًا أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُ ۖ وَأَوْصَانِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ  
 مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا ۖ وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي ۖ وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا  
 شَقِيًّا ۖ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ وُلِدْتُ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ  
 وَيَوْمَ أُبْعَثُ حَيًّا ۖ ذَلِكَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ ۖ قَوْلَ الْحَقِّ  
 الَّذِي فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ ۖ مَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ مِنْ  
 وَلَدٍ ۖ سُبْحَنَهُ ۖ إِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ  
 فَيَكُونُ ۖ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ ۖ هَذَا

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But if you see any of the people, say, 'I have vowed silence<sup>568</sup> to the Most Compassionate, so I am not talking to anyone today.'

#### Reaction to Baby Jesus

27. Then she returned to her people, carrying him. They said 'in shock', 'O Mary! You have certainly done a horrible thing! 28. O sister of Aaron!<sup>569</sup> Your father was not an indecent man, nor was your mother unchaste.' 29. So she pointed to the baby. They exclaimed, "How can we talk to someone who is an infant in the cradle?"

#### Baby Jesus Talks

30. Jesus declared, "I am truly a servant of Allah. He has destined me to be given the Scripture and to be a prophet. 31. He has made me a blessing wherever I go, and bid me to establish prayer and give alms-tax as long as I live, 32. and to be kind to my mother. He has not made me arrogant or defiant. 33. Peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I die, and the day I will be raised back to life!"

#### Christians and Jews Differ on Jesus

34. That is Jesus, son of Mary. 'And this is' a word of truth, about which they dispute. 35. It is not for Allah to take a son! Glory be to Him. When He decrees a matter, He simply tells

it, "Be!" And it is! 36. 'Jesus also declared,' "Surely Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him 'alone'.

<sup>568</sup> lit., fast 'from speech'. Linguistically, *sawm* means to abstain from something, such as food, speaking, and playing.

<sup>569</sup> i.e., his twin in virtue. They meant that they did not expect her to do something like that because they held her in high esteem like Aaron, Moses' brother (perhaps because she was his descendant).

This is the Straight Path.” 37. Yet their ‘various’ groups have differed among themselves ‘about him’, so woe to the disbelievers when they face a tremendous Day! 38. How clearly will they hear and see on the Day they will come to Us! But today the wrongdoers are clearly astray.

#### Warning to the Disbelievers

39. And warn them ‘O Prophet’ of the Day of Regret, when all matters will be settled, while they are ‘engrossed’ in heedlessness and disbelief. 40. Indeed, it is We Who will succeed the earth and whoever is on it. And to Us they will ‘all’ be returned.

#### Abraham and His Father, Āzar

41. And mention in the Book ‘O Prophet, the story of’ Abraham. He was surely a man of truth and a prophet. 42. ‘Remember’ when he said to his father. “O dear father! Why do you worship what can neither hear nor see, nor benefit you at all? 43. O dear father! I have certainly received some knowledge which you have not received, so follow me and I will guide you to the Straight Path. 44. O dear father! Do not worship Satan. Surely Satan is ever rebellious against the Most Compassionate. 45. O dear father! I truly fear that you will be touched by a torment from the Most Compassionate, and become Satan’s companion ‘in Hell’.”

صَرَاطُ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ۝ فَاخْتَلَفَ الْأَحْزَابُ مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ ۚ  
قَوْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ مَّشْهَدٍ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ۝ أَسْمِعْ  
بِهِمْ وَأَبْصِرْ يَوْمَ يَأْتُونَنَا لَكِنَ الظَّالِمُونَ الْيَوْمَ فِي  
ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ۝ وَأَنْذَرَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْحَسْرَةِ إِذْ قُضِيَ  
الْأَمْرُ وَهُمْ فِي غَفْلَةٍ وَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝ إِنَّا نَحْنُ  
نَرِثُ الْأَرْضَ وَمَنْ عَلَيْهَا وَإِلَيْنَا يُرْجَعُونَ ۝ وَذَكَرْ  
فِي الْكِتَابِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ۖ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صِدِّيقًا نَبِيًّا ۝  
إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ يَا أَبَتِ لِمَ تَعْبُدُ مَا لَا يَسْمَعُ وَلَا يُبْصِرُ  
وَلَا يُغْنِي عَنْكَ شَيْئًا ۝ يَا أَبَتِ إِنِّي قَدْ جَاءَنِي مِنَ  
الْعِلْمِ مَا لَمْ يَأْتِكَ فَاتَّبِعْنِي أَهْدِكَ صَرَاطًا سَوِيًّا ۝  
يَا أَبَتِ لَا تَعْبُدِ الشَّيْطَانَ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِلرَّحْمَنِ  
عَصِيًّا ۝ يَا أَبَتِ إِنِّي أَخَافُ أَنْ يَمَسَّكَ عَذَابٌ مِنَ  
الرَّحْمَنِ فَتَكُونَ لِلشَّيْطَانِ وَلِيًّا ۝ قَالَ أَرَأَيْتُ إِنْ تَ

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عَنِ الْهَيْتَى يَإِبْرَاهِيمَ لَئِنْ لَمْ تُنْتَهُ لَأَرْجُمَنَّكَ  
وَاهْجُرْنِي مَلِيًّا ٢٦ قَالَ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكَ ۖ سَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ رَبِّي  
إِنَّهُ كَانَ بِي حَفِيًّا ٢٧ وَأَعْتَزُّ لَكُمْ وَمَا تَدْعُونَ مِنْ  
دُونِ اللَّهِ وَأَدْعُوا رَبِّي عَسَىٰ أَلَّا أَكُونَ بِدُعَاءِ  
رَبِّي شَقِيًّا ٢٨ فَلَمَّا اعْتَزَلَهُمْ وَمَا يَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ  
اللَّهِ ۖ وَهَبْنَا لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ ۖ كُلًّا جَعَلْنَا نَبِيًّا ٢٩  
وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُمْ مِنْ رَحْمَتِنَا وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُمْ لِسَانَ صِدْقٍ  
عَلِيًّا ٣٠ وَاذْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ مُوسَىٰ إِنَّهُ كَانَ  
مُخْلَصًا ۚ وَكَانَ رَسُولًا نَبِيًّا ٣١ وَنَادَيْنَاهُ مِنْ جَانِبِ  
الطُّورِ الْاَيْمَنِ وَقَرَّبْنَاهُ نَجِيًّا ٣٢ وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ مِنْ رَحْمَتِنَا  
أَخَاهُ هَارُونَ نَبِيًّا ٣٣ وَاذْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ إسمَاعِيلَ ۖ  
إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَادِقَ الْوَعْدِ وَكَانَ رَسُولًا نَبِيًّا ٣٤ وَكَانَ  
يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ ۖ وَكَانَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ

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*Ázar's Angry Response*

46. He threatened, "How dare you reject my idols, O Abraham! If you do not desist, I will certainly stone you 'to death'. So be gone from me for a long time!" 47. Abraham responded, "Peace be upon you! I will pray to my Lord for your forgiveness. He has truly been Most Gracious to me. 48. As I distance myself from 'all of' you and from whatever you invoke besides Allah, I will 'continue to' call upon my Lord 'alone', trusting that I will never be disappointed in invoking my Lord." 49. So after he had left them and what they worshipped besides Allah, We granted him Isaac and Jacob, and made each of them a prophet. 50. We showered them with Our mercy, and blessed them with honourable mention.<sup>570</sup>

*Prophet Moses*

51. And mention in the Book 'O Prophet, the story of' Moses. He was truly a chosen man, and was a messenger and a prophet. 52. We called him from the right side of Mount Tûr, and drew him near, speaking 'with him' directly. 53. And We appointed for him—out of Our grace—his brother, Aaron, as a prophet.

*Prophet Ishmael*

54. And mention in the Book 'O

Prophet, the story of' Ishmael. He was truly a man of his word, and was a messenger and a prophet. 55. He used to urge his people to pray and give alms-tax.

570 On a daily basis, Muslims invoke Allah's blessings upon Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ) and his family and Prophet Abraham (ع) and his family, in both obligatory and optional prayers.

And his Lord was well pleased with him.

### Prophet Enoch

56. And mention in the Book 'O Prophet, the story of Enoch. He was surely a man of truth and a prophet. 57. And We elevated him to an honourable status.<sup>571</sup>

### Noble Prophets

58. Those were 'some of' the prophets who Allah has blessed from among the descendants of Adam, and of those We carried with Noah 'in the Ark', and of the descendants of Abraham and Israel,<sup>572</sup> and of those We 'rightly' guided and chose. Whenever the revelations of the Most Compassionate were recited to them, they fell down, prostrating and weeping.

### Evil Successors

59. But they were succeeded by generations who neglected prayer and followed their lusts and so will soon face the evil consequences.<sup>573</sup> 60. As for those who repent, believe, and do good, it is they who will be admitted into Paradise, never being denied any reward. 61. 'They will be in' the Gardens of Eternity, promised in trust by the Most Compassionate to His servants. Surely His promise will be fulfilled. 62. There they will never hear any idle talk—only

'greetings of' peace. And there they will have their provisions morning and evening.<sup>574</sup> 63. That is Paradise, which We will grant to whoever is devout among Our servants.



وَمَا تَنْزِيلُ

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571 Prophet Enoch (*Idris*) (ﷺ) is said to be in the fourth heaven.

572 Israel is another name for Jacob (ﷺ).

573 The word *ghai* can either mean the evil consequences or a valley in Hell where they will be punished.

574 There is no day or night in Paradise, only light. The verse says that the residents of Paradise will either be receiving provisions around these worldly times or without failure. Words such as morning and evening are used to make it easier for the people to understand.

وَمَا نَنْزِلُ إِلَّا بِأَمْرِ رَبِّكَ ۚ لَهُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِينَا وَمَا  
خَلْفَنَا وَمَا بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ ۚ وَمَا كَانَ رَبُّكَ نَسِيًّا ۚ رَبُّ  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فَاعْبُدْهُ وَاصْطَبِرْ  
لِعِبَادَتِهِ ۖ هَلْ تَعْلَمُ لَهُ سَمِيًّا ۚ وَيَقُولُ الْإِنْسَانُ  
ءِذَا مَاتَ لَسَوْفَ أَخْرَجُ حَيًّا ۚ أَوَلَا يَذْكُرُ الْإِنْسَانُ  
أَنَّا خَلَقْنَاهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَلَمْ يَكُ شَيْئًا ۚ فَوَرَبِّكَ  
لَنَحْشُرَنَّهُمْ وَالشَّيَاطِينَ ثُمَّ لَنُحْضِرَنَّهُمْ حَوْلَ جَهَنَّمَ  
جِثْيًا ۚ ثُمَّ لَنَنْزِعَنَّ مِنْ كُلِّ شِيعَةٍ أَيُّهُمْ أَشَدُّ عَلَى  
الرَّحْمَنِ عِتْيًا ۚ ثُمَّ لَنَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِالَّذِينَ هُمْ أَوْلَىٰ بِهَا  
صِلِيًّا ۚ وَإِنْ مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا وَارِدُهَا كَانَ عَلَىٰ رَبِّكَ حَتْمًا  
مَقْضِيًّا ۚ ثُمَّ نُنَجِّي الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَنَذَرُ الظَّالِمِينَ  
فِيهَا جِثْيًا ۚ وَإِذَا تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ قَالَ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ۚ أَيُّ الْفَرِيقَيْنِ خَيْرٌ

*Gabriel's Response to the Prophet*<sup>575</sup>

64. "We only descend by the command of your Lord. To Him belongs whatever is before us, and whatever is behind us, and everything in between. And your Lord is never forgetful. 65. 'He is the' Lord of the heavens, and the earth, and everything in between. So worship Him 'alone', and be steadfast in His worship. Do you know of anyone equal to Him 'in His attributes'?"

*The Deniers of Resurrection*

66. Yet 'some' people ask 'mockingly', "After I die, will I really be raised to life again?" 67. Do 'such' people not remember that We created them before, when they were nothing? 68. By your Lord 'O Prophet'! We will surely gather them along with the devils, and then set them around Hell on their knees. 69. Then We will certainly begin by dragging out of every group the ones most defiant to the Most Compassionate. 70. And We truly know best who is most deserving of burning in it. 71. There is none of you who will not pass over it.<sup>576</sup> "This is" a decree your Lord must fulfil. 72. Then We will deliver those who were devout, leaving the wrongdoers there on their knees.

*Arrogant Disbelievers*

73. When Our clear revelations are recited to them, the disbelievers ask the believers 'mockingly',

<sup>575</sup> This passage is a response to the Prophet's request to be visited by Gabriel more often.

<sup>576</sup> This refers to the bridge (known as *As-Sirât*) which is extended over Hell. Both the believers and disbelievers will be made to cross that bridge. The believers will cross it safely, each at a different speed according to the strength of their faith, whereas the disbelievers and the hypocrites will plunge into the Fire.

“Which of the two of us is better in position and superior in assembly?”

74. ‘Imagine, O Prophet’ how many peoples We have destroyed before them, who were far better in luxury and splendour! 75. Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “Whoever is ‘entrenched’ in misguidance, the Most Compassionate will allow them plenty of time, until—behold!—they face what they are threatened with: either the torment or the Hour. Only then will they realize who is worse in position and inferior in manpower.”

#### *Reward of the Devout*

76. And Allah increases in guidance those who are ‘rightly’ guided. And the everlasting good deeds are far better with your Lord in reward and in outcome.<sup>577</sup>

#### *A Denier of Resurrection*

77. Have you seen ‘O Prophet’ the one<sup>578</sup> who rejects Our revelations yet boasts, “I will definitely be granted ‘plenty of’ wealth and children ‘if there is an afterlife.’”? 78. Has he looked into the unseen or taken a pledge from the Most Compassionate? 79. Not at all! We certainly record whatever he claims and will increase his punishment extensively. 80. And We will inherit what he boasts of, and he will come before Us all by himself.

مَقَامًا وَأَحْسَنُ نَدِيًّا ﴿٤٦﴾ وَكَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا قَبْلَهُمْ مِّنْ قَرْنٍ  
هُمَّ أَحْسَنُ أَثَاثًا وَرِعْيًا ﴿٤٧﴾ قُلْ مَنْ كَانَ فِي الضَّلَالَةِ  
فَلْيَمْدُدْ لَهُ الرَّحْمَنُ مَدًّا هَتَّىٰ إِذَا رَأَوْا مَا يُوعَدُونَ  
إِمَّا الْعَذَابَ وَإِمَّا السَّاعَةَ ۖ فَسَيَعْلَمُونَ مَنْ هُوَ  
شَرُّ مَكَانًا ۖ وَأَضْعَفُ جُندًا ﴿٤٨﴾ وَيَزِيدُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ  
اهْتَدَوْا هُدًى ۖ وَالْبَاقِيَتِ الصَّالِحَتِ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ  
رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ مَّرَدًّا ﴿٤٩﴾ أَفَرَأَيْتِ الَّذِي كَفَرَ  
بِآيَاتِنَا وَقَالَ لَأُوتِيَنَّ مَالًا وَوَلَدًا ﴿٥٠﴾ أَطَّلَعَ الْغَيْبَ  
أَمِ اتَّخَذَ عِنْدَ الرَّحْمَنِ عَهْدًا ﴿٥١﴾ كَلَّا ۖ سَنَكْتُبُ مَا  
يَقُولُ وَنَمُدُّ لَهُ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ مَدًّا ﴿٥٢﴾ وَنَرِثُهُ مَا  
يَقُولُ وَيَأْتِينَا فَرْدًا ﴿٥٣﴾ وَاتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ آلِهَةً  
لَّيَكُونُوا لَهُمْ عِزًّا ﴿٥٤﴾ كَلَّا ۖ سَيَكْفُرُونَ بِعِبَادَتِهِمْ  
وَيَكُونُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ ضِدًّا ﴿٥٥﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَا أَرْسَلْنَا

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81. They have taken other gods, instead of Allah, seeking strength ‘and protection’ through them. 82. But no! Those ‘gods’ will deny their worship and turn against them. 83. Do you ‘O Prophet’ not see that We have sent

<sup>577</sup> See footnote for 18:46.

<sup>578</sup> This statement was made by Al-ʿĀs ibn Wael, a Meccan pagan who staunchly disbelieved in resurrection.



الشَّيْطَانِ عَلَى الْكُفْرَيْنِ تَوَسُّطَهُمْ أَزًّا ۖ فَلَا تَحْجَلْ  
 عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ إِنَّمَا نَعُدُّ لَهُمْ عَدًّا ۖ يَوْمَ نَحْشُرُ الْمُتَّقِينَ إِلَى  
 الرَّحْمَنِ وَفْدًا ۖ وَنَسُوقُ الْيَجْرِمِينَ إِلَى جَهَنَّمَ وَرْدًا ۖ  
 لَا يَمْلِكُونَ الشَّفَاعَةَ إِلَّا مَنِ اتَّخَذَ عِنْدَ الرَّحْمَنِ  
 عَهْدًا ۖ وَقَالُوا اتَّخَذَ الرَّحْمَنُ وَلَدًا ۖ لَقَدْ جِئْتُمْ  
 شَيْئًا إِذَا ۖ تَكَادُ السَّمَوَاتُ يَتَفَطَّرْنَ مِنْهُ وَتَنْشَقُّ  
 الْأَرْضُ وَتَخِرُّ الْجِبَالُ هَدًّا ۖ أَنْ دَعَوْا لِلرَّحْمَنِ وَلَدًا ۖ  
 وَمَا يَنْبَغِي لِلرَّحْمَنِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ وَلَدًا ۖ إِنْ كُلُّ مَنْ فِي  
 السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِلَّا أَتَى الرَّحْمَنَ عَبْدًا ۖ لَقَدْ أَحْصَاهُمْ  
 وَعَدَّهُمْ عَدًّا ۖ وَكُلُّهُمْ أَتَيْهِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ فَرْدًا ۖ إِنْ  
 الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَيَجْعَلُ لَهُمُ الرَّحْمَنُ  
 وُدًّا ۖ فَإِنَّا يُسِّرْنُهُ بِلِسَانِكَ لِتُبَشِّرَ بِهِ الْمُتَّقِينَ  
 وَتُنذِرَ بِهِ قَوْمًا لَّدَا ۖ وَكَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا قَبْلَهُمْ مِنْ قَرْنٍ ۖ

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the devils against the disbelievers, constantly inciting them? 84. So do not be in haste against them, for indeed We are 'closely' counting down their days. 85. 'Watch for' the Day We will gather the righteous before the Most Compassionate as an honoured delegation, 86. and drive the wicked to Hell like a thirsty herd. 87. None will have the right to intercede, except those who have taken a covenant from the Most Compassionate.<sup>579</sup>

#### Allah's Children?

88. They<sup>580</sup> say, "The Most Compassionate has offspring." 89. You have certainly made an outrageous claim, 90. by which the heavens are about to burst, the earth to split apart, and the mountains to crumble to pieces 91. in protest of attributing children to the Most Compassionate. 92. It does not befit 'the majesty of' the Most Compassionate to have children. 93. There is none in the heavens or the earth who will not return to the Most Compassionate in full submission. 94. Indeed, He fully knows them and has counted them precisely. 95. And each of them will return to Him on the Day of Judgment all alone.

#### Believers' Love for One Another

96. As for those who believe and do

good, the Most Compassionate will 'certainly' bless them with 'genuine' love.

#### The Message of the Quran

97. Indeed, We have made this 'Quran' easy in your own language 'O Prophet' so with it you may give good news to the righteous and warn those who are contentious. 98. 'Imagine' how many peoples We have destroyed before them!

579 No one will be allowed to intercede except those who firmly believe in Almighty Allah.

580 The pagans who claimed that the angels are Allah's daughters, the Christians who claim that Jesus is the son of Allah, etc.

Do you 'still' see any of them, or 'even' hear from them the slightest sound?



## 20. Tâ-Hâ (Tâ-Hâ)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### Almighty Allah's Revelation

1. Tâ-Hâ. 2. We have not revealed the Quran to you 'O Prophet' to cause you distress, 3. but as a reminder to those in awe 'of Allah'. 4. 'It is' a revelation from the One Who created the earth and the high heavens— 5. the Most Compassionate, 'Who is' established on the Throne. 6. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth and whatever is in between and whatever is underground. 7. Whether you speak openly 'or not', He certainly knows what is secret and what is even more hidden. 8. Allah—there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. He has the Most Beautiful Names.

### Moses' Great Encounter

9. Has the story of Moses reached you 'O Prophet'? 10. When he saw a fire, he said to his family, "Wait here, 'for' I have spotted a fire. Perhaps I can bring you a torch from it, or find some guidance at the fire."<sup>581</sup> 11. But when he approached it, he was called,

"O Moses! 12. It is truly I. I am your Lord! So take off your sandals, for you are in the sacred valley of Tuwa.

هَلْ تُحِسُّ مِنْهُمْ مِّنْ أَحَدٍ أَوْ تَسْمَعُ لَهُمْ رِكْزًا ٩٨

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ (٢٠) سُورَةُ طه (مَكِّيَّةٌ) (٢٥) (تَوَاتُهَا ٨)

طه ١ مَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْقُرْآنَ لِتَشْقَى ٢ إِلَّا تَذَكُّرًا

لِّمَن يَخْشَى ٣ تَنْزِيلًا مِّمَّنْ خَلَقَ الْأَرْضَ وَالسَّمُوتِ

الْعُلَى ٤ الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَى ٥ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ

وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا وَمَا تَحْتَ الثَّرَى ٦ وَإِنْ

تَجَهَّرَ بِالنُّقُولِ فَإِنَّهُ يَعْلَمُ السِّرَّ وَأَخْفَى ٧ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ

إِلَّا هُوَ لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَى ٨ وَهَلْ أَتَاكَ حَدِيثُ مُوسَى ٩

إِذْ رَأَانَا فَقَالَ إَهِلِهِ امْكُثُوا إِنِّي آنَسْتُ نَارًا

لَعَلِّي آتِيكُمْ مِنْهَا بِقَبَسٍ أَوْ أَجْدُ عَلَى النَّارِ هُدًى ١٠

فَلَمَّا أَتَاهَا نُودِيَ يُمُوسَى ١١ إِنِّي أَنَا رَبُّكَ فَاخْلَعْ

نَعْلَيْكَ إِنَّكَ بِالْوَادِ الْمُقَدَّسِ طُوًى ١٢ وَأَنَا اخْتَرْتُكَ

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581. Moses and his family lost their way in the dark while they were travelling from Midian to Egvot.

فَاسْتَبِيعْ لِمَا يُؤْمَى ۝ إِنِّى أَنَا اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا  
 فَاعْبُدْنِى ۖ وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ لِذِكْرِى ۝ إِنَّ السَّاعَةَ آتِيَةٌ  
 أَكَادُ أُخْفِيهَا لَتَجْزِىَ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا تَسْعَى ۝ فَلَا  
 يَصُدُّكَ عَنْهَا مَنْ لَا يُؤْمِنُ بِهَا وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ فَتَرْدَى ۝  
 وَمَا تِلْكَ بِيَمِينِكَ يُمُوسَى ۝ قَالَ هِىَ عَصَاىَ أَتَوَكَّأُ  
 عَلَيْهَا وَأَهْوَسُ بِهَا عَلَىٰ غَنَمِى وَلِىَ فِيهَا مَارِبٌ  
 أُخْرَى ۝ قَالَ أَلْقِهَا يُمُوسَى ۝ فَالْقَهَا فَإِذَا هِىَ حَيَّةٌ  
 تَسْعَى ۝ قَالَ خُذْهَا وَلَا تَخَفْ ۖ فَنفَخَ كَسَفُوفٍ فَسَوَّىٰهَا  
 سَبِيلَهَا ۝ وَاصْطَمَّ يَدَكَ إِلَىٰ جَنَاحِكَ تَخْرُجُ بَيَضَاءَ  
 مِنْ غَيْرِ سُوءٍ ۖ آيَةٌ أُخْرَى ۝ لِتُزَيِّنَ لِكَبْرِى ۝  
 إِذْهَبْ إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ إِنَّهُ طَغَىٰ ۝ قَالَ رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِى  
 صَدْرِى ۝ وَبَسِّرْ لِى أَمْرِى ۝ وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّنْ لِّسَانِى  
 يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِى ۝ وَاجْعَلْ لِّى وَزِيرًا مِّنْ أَهْلِى ۝

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13. I have chosen you, so listen to what is revealed: 14. 'It is truly I. I am Allah! There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Me. So worship Me 'alone', and establish prayer for My remembrance. 15. The Hour is sure to come. My Will is to keep it hidden, so that every soul may be rewarded according to their efforts. 16. So do not let those who disbelieve in it and follow their desires distract you from it, or you will be doomed."

### Two Signs for Moses

17. 'Allah added,' "And what is that in your right hand, O Moses?" 18. He replied, "It is my staff! I lean on it, and with it I beat down 'branches' for my sheep, and have other uses for it."<sup>582</sup> 19. Allah said, "Throw it down, O Moses!" 20. So he did, then—behold!—it became a serpent, slithering. 21. Allah said, "Take it, and have no fear. We will return it to its former state. 22. And put your hand under your armpit, it will come out 'shining' white, unblemished,<sup>583</sup> as another sign, 23. so that We may show you some of Our greatest signs. 24. Go to Pharaoh, for he has truly transgressed 'all bounds'."

### Moses Prays for Help

25. Moses prayed, "My Lord! Uplift my heart for me, 26. and make my task easy, 27. and remove the impediment from my tongue 28. so people may understand my speech,"<sup>584</sup> 29. and grant me a helper from my family,

<sup>582</sup> Moses could have just said, "A staff." But he volunteered to talk about the uses of the staff, adding that there are many other uses he has not mentioned, with the hope that Allah would ask him about it more. The reason is that Moses wanted to prolong the conversation with Allah as much as he could.

<sup>583</sup> Moses, who was dark-skinned, was asked to put his hand under his armpit. When he took it out it was shining white, but not out of a skin condition like melanoma.

<sup>584</sup> Moses (ﷺ) put a brand of fire in his mouth, which hindered his speech as he grew up. In this verse, he prays to Allah to help him speak clearly, and his prayer is answered.

30. Aaron, my brother. 31. Strengthen me through him, 32. and let him share my task, 33. so that we may glorify You much 34. and remember You much, 35. for truly You have 'always' been overseeing us." 36. Allah responded, "All that you requested has been granted, O Moses!

#### Allah's Favours to Young Moses

37. "And surely We had shown You favour before, 38. when We inspired your mother with this: 39. 'Put him into a chest, then put it into the river. The river will wash it ashore, and he will be taken by 'Pharaoh,' an enemy of Mine and his.' And I blessed you with lovability from Me<sup>585</sup> 'O Moses' so that you would be brought up under My 'watchful' Eye. 40. 'Remember' when your sister came along and proposed, 'Shall I direct you to someone who will nurse him?'<sup>586</sup> So We reunited you with your mother so that her heart would be put at ease, and she would not grieve. 'Later' you killed a man 'by mistake', but We saved you from sorrow, as well as other tests We put you through. Then you stayed for a number of years among the people of Midian. Then you came here as pre-destined, O Moses! 41. And I have selected you for My service.

وَمَا يُؤْمِرُ

هَرُونَ أَخِي ۖ أَشَدُّ دَرِيَّةً ۖ أَرْمَى ۖ وَأَشْرِكُهُ فِي  
أَمْرِي ۖ كَىٰ نُسَبِّحَكَ كَثِيرًا ۖ وَنَذْكُرَكَ كَثِيرًا ۖ إِنَّكَ  
كُنْتَ بِنَا بَصِيرًا ۖ قَالَ قَدْ أُوتِيتَ سُؤْلَكَ يٰمُوسَىٰ ۖ  
وَلَقَدْ مَنَنَّا عَلَيْكَ مَرَّةً أُخْرَىٰ ۖ إِذْ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ أُمِّكَ  
مَا يُوحَىٰ ۖ أَنْ اقْذِفِيهِ فِي التَّابُوتِ فَاقْذِفِيهِ فِي  
الْيَمِّ ۖ فَلْيُلْقِهِ الْيَمُّ بِالسَّاحِلِ يَأْخُذْهُ عَدُوٌّ لِّي وَ  
عَدُوٌّ لَّهُ ۖ وَالْقَيْتُ عَلَيْكَ مَحَبَّةً مِّنِّي ۖ وَلِتُصْنَعَ عَلَىٰ  
عَيْنِي ۖ إِذْ تَمْشِي أُخْتُكَ فَتَقُولُ هَلْ أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَىٰ مَن  
يَكْفُلُهُ ۖ فَرَجَعْنَاكَ إِلَىٰ أُمِّكَ كَىٰ تَقَرَّ عَيْنُهَا وَلَا  
تَحْزَنَ ۖ وَكَلَّمْتُ نَفْسًا فَنَجَّيْنَاكَ مِنَ الْغَمِّ وَفَتَّكْتَ  
فُتُونًا ۖ فَلَبِثْتَ سِنِينَ فِي أَهْلِ مَدْيَنَ ۖ ثُمَّ جِئْتَ  
عَلَىٰ قَدَرٍ يٰمُوسَىٰ ۖ وَأَصْطَنَعْتُكَ لِنَفْسِي ۖ إِذْ هَبْ  
أَنْتَ وَآخُوكَ بَايَتِي وَلَا تَنِيَا فِي ذِكْرِي ۖ إِذْ هَبَا

إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ

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#### Orders to Moses and Aaron

42. "Go forth, you and your brother, with My signs and never falter in remembering Me. 43. Go, both of you,

585 In other words, Allah made Moses a likeable person so Pharaoh and his wife would agree to keep him.

586 Moses had refused all wet-nurses that were brought for him.

إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ إِنَّهُ طَغَىٰ ۖ فَقُولَا لَهُ قَوْلًا لَّيِّنًا لَّعَلَّهُ  
يَتَذَكَّرُ أَوْ يَخْشَىٰ ۚ قَالَ رَبَّنَا إِنَّا نَخَافُ أَنْ يُفْرِطَ  
عَلَيْنَا أَوْ أَنْ يَطْغَىٰ ۖ قَالَ لَا تَخَافَا إِنِّي مَعَكُمَا  
أَسْمِعُ وَأَرَىٰ ۖ فَاتَّبَعَهُ فَقُولَا إِنَّا رَسُولَا رَبِّكَ فَأَرْسِلْ  
مَعَنَا بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ وَلَا تَعْدِبْهُمْ ۖ قَدْ جِئْنَاكَ بِآيَةٍ  
مِّنْ رَبِّكَ ۖ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَىٰ مَنِ اتَّبَعَ الْهُدَىٰ ۖ إِنَّا قَدْ  
أُوْحِيَ إِلَيْنَا أَنَّ الْعَذَابَ عَلَىٰ مَنْ كَذَّبَ وَتَوَلَّىٰ ۖ قَالَ  
فَمَنْ رَبُّكُمَا يُوسَىٰ ۖ قَالَ رَبُّنَا الَّذِي أَعْطَىٰ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ  
خَلْقَهُ ثُمَّ هَدَىٰ ۖ قَالَ فَمَا بَالُ الْقُرُونِ الْأُولَىٰ ۖ  
قَالَ عَلِمُوا عِنْدَ رَبِّي فِي كِتَابٍ لَا يَضِلُّ رَبِّي وَلَا يَنْسَىٰ ۖ  
الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ مَهْدًا وَوَسَّلَكَ لَكُمُ فِيهَا  
سُبُلًا وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً ۖ فَخَرَجْنَا بِهِ أَرْوَاجًا  
مِّنْ ثَبَاتٍ شَتَّىٰ ۖ كُلُّوا وَارْعَوْا أَنْعَامَكُمْ ۖ إِنَّ فِي

to Pharaoh, for he has truly transgressed 'all bounds'. 44. Speak to him gently, so perhaps he may be mindful 'of Me' or fearful 'of My punishment'." 45. They both pleaded, "Our Lord! We fear that he may be quick to harm us or act tyrannically." 46. Allah reassured 'them', "Have no fear! I am with you, hearing and seeing. 47. So go to him and say, 'Indeed we are both messengers from your Lord, so let the Children of Israel go with us, and do not oppress them. We have come to you with a sign from your Lord. And salvation will be for whoever follows the 'right' guidance. 48. It has indeed been revealed to us that the punishment will be upon whoever denies 'the truth' and turns away."

#### Pharaoh's Arrogance

49. Pharaoh asked, "Who then is the Lord of you two, O Moses?" 50. He answered, "Our Lord is the One Who has given everything its 'distinctive' form, then guided 'it'." 51. Pharaoh asked, "And what about previous peoples?" 52. He replied, "That knowledge is with my Lord in a Record. My Lord neither falters nor forgets 'anything'." 53. 'He is the One' Who has laid out the earth for 'all of' you, and set in it pathways for you, and sends down rain from the sky, causing various types of plants to grow, 54. 'so' eat and graze your cattle.

Surely in this are signs for people of sound judgment. 55. From the earth We created you, and into it We will return you, and from it We will bring you back again.

#### The Challenge

56. And We certainly showed Pharaoh all of Our signs,<sup>587</sup> but he denied them and refused 'to believe'. 57. He said, "Have you come to drive us out of our land with your magic, O Moses? 58. We can surely meet you with similar magic. So set for us an appointment that neither of us will fail to keep, in a central place." 59. Moses said, "Your appointment is on the Day of the Festival, and let the people be gathered mid-morning."

#### Moses' Warning

60. Pharaoh then withdrew, orchestrated his scheme, then returned. 61. Moses warned the magicians, "Woe to you! Do not fabricate a lie against Allah,<sup>588</sup> or He will wipe you out with a torment. Whoever fabricates 'lies' is bound to fail." 62. So the magicians disputed the matter among themselves, conversing privately. 63. They concluded, "These two are only magicians who want to drive you out of your land with their magic,

قَالَ أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ ۙ ١٦

طه ٢٠

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ذٰلِكَ لَاۤ اِلٰهَ اِلَّاۤ اُولٰٓئِىۤىۤ التَّوْحٰىدِ ۚ ۝٥٦ وَمِنْهَا خَلَقْنٰكُمْ وَفِيْهَا نَعْبِدُكُمْ ۚ وَمِنْهَا نُخْرِجُكُمْ تَارَةً اٰخَرٰى ۝٥٥

وَلَقَدْ اَرٰىنٰهُ اٰيٰتِنَا كُلَّهَا فَكَذَّبَ وَاٰبٰى ۝٥٧ قَالَ

اٰجِئْتَنَا لِتُخْرِجَنَا مِنْ اَرْضِنَا بِسِحْرِكَ يٰمُوسٰى ۝٥٨

فَلَنَاۤ اَتَيْنٰكَ بِسِحْرٍ مِّثْلِهٖ ۚ فَاجْعَلْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكَ

مَوْعِدًا ۙ لَا نُخْلِفُهٗ نَحْنُ وَلَا اَنْتَ مَكَانًا سُوًى ۝٥٩

قَالَ مَوْعِدُكُمْ يَوْمَ الزَّيْنَةِ ۙ وَاَنْ يُّحْشَرَ النَّاسُ

ضَحٰى ۝٥٩ فَتَوَلٰٓى فِرْعَوْنُ فَجَمَعَ كَيْدَهٗ ثُمَّ اَتٰى ۝٦٠

قَالَ لَهُمْ مُّوسٰى وَيٰلَكُمْ ۙ لَا تَفْتَرُوْا عَلٰى اللّٰهِ كَذِبًا

فَيُسْحِتَكُمْ بِعَذَابٍ ۙ وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنِ افْتَرٰى ۝٦١

فَتَنٰزَعُوْا اَمْرَهُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ ۙ وَاَسْرَوْا التَّجْوٰى ۝٦٢

قَالُوْۤا اِنْ هٰذٰنِ لَسٰجِرٰنِ يَّرِيْدٰنِ اَنْ يُخْرِجَاكُمْ

مِّنْ اَرْضِكُمْ بِسِحْرِهِمَا ۙ وَيَذْهَبَا بِطَرِيقَتِكُمْ

مَنْزِل ٣

المُثَالِي

587 See footnote for 17:101.

588 By saying that Moses' miracle is pure magic.

الْبُشَى ٦٣ فَاجْبِعُوا كَيْدَكُمْ ثُمَّ اتُّوَا صَفًّا وَقَدْ  
 أَفْلَحَ الْيَوْمَ مَنِ اسْتَعْلَى ٦٤ قَالُوا يُمُوسَى إِمَّا أَنْ  
 تُلْقَى وَإِمَّا أَنْ نَكُونَ أَوَّلَ مَنْ أَلْقَى ٦٥ قَالَ  
 بَلِ الْقَوَاءُ فَذَا جِبَالُهُمْ وَعِصِيُّهُمْ يُخَيَّلُ إِلَيْهِ  
 مِنْ سِحْرِهِمْ أَنَّهَا تَسْعَى ٦٦ فَأَوْجَسَ فِي نَفْسِهِ  
 خِيفَةً مُوسَى ٦٧ قُلْنَا لَا تَخَفْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْأَعْلَى ٦٨  
 وَأَلْقِ مَا فِي يَمِينِكَ تَلْقَفْ مَا صَنَعُوا ٦٩ إِنَّمَا  
 صَنَعُوا كَيْدٌ سِحْرٍ وَلَا يُفْلِحُ السَّاحِرُ حَيْثُ أَتَى ٧٠  
 فَأُلْقِيَ السَّحَرَةُ سُجَّدًا قَالُوا آمَنَّا بِرَبِّ هَارُونَ  
 وَمُوسَى ٧١ قَالَ آمَنْتُمْ لَهُ قَبْلَ أَنْ أَدْنِ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ  
 لَكَبِيرُكُمُ الَّذِي عَلَّمَكُمُ السِّحْرَ فَلَا قَطِيعَ أَيْدِيكُمْ  
 وَأَنْجِلَكُمْ مِنْ خَلَا فِي وَلَا وَصَلَيْتَكُمْ فِي جُدُوعِ  
 النَّخْلِ وَلَتَعْلَمَنَّ آيُنَا أَشَدُّ عَذَابًا وَأَبْقَى ٧٢ قَالُوا

and do away with your most cherished traditions. 64. So orchestrate your plan, then come forward in 'perfect' ranks. And whoever prevails today will certainly be successful."

#### Moses Prevails

65. They said, "O Moses! Either you cast, or let us be the first to cast."  
 66. Moses responded, "No, you go first." And suddenly their ropes and staffs appeared to him—by their magic—to be slithering. 67. So Moses concealed fear within himself. 68. We reassured 'him', "Do not fear! It is certainly you who will prevail. 69. Cast what is in your right hand, and it will swallow up what they have made, for what they have made is no more than a magic trick. And magicians can never succeed wherever they go."

#### Magicians Become Believers

70. So the magicians fell down in prostration, declaring, "We believe in the Lord of Aaron and Moses."  
 71. Pharaoh threatened, "How dare you believe in him before I give you permission? He must be your master who taught you magic. I will certainly cut off your hands and feet on opposite sides, and crucify you on the trunks of palm trees. You will really see whose punishment is more severe and more lasting." 72. They responded,

“By the One Who created us! We will never prefer you over the clear proofs that have come to us. So do whatever you want! Your authority only covers the ‘fleeting’ life of this world. 73. Indeed, we have believed in our Lord so He may forgive our sins and that magic you have forced us to practice. And Allah is far superior ‘in reward’ and more lasting ‘in punishment’.”

#### Reward of Disbelievers and Believers

74. Whoever comes to their Lord as an evildoer will certainly have Hell, where they can neither live nor die. 75. But whoever comes to Him as a believer, having done good, they will have the highest ranks: 76. the Gardens of Eternity, under which rivers flow, where they will stay forever. That is the reward of those who purify themselves.

#### Pharaoh's Doom

77. And We surely inspired Moses, ‘saying,’ “Leave with My servants ‘at night’ and strike a dry passage for them across the sea. Have no fear of being overtaken, nor be concerned ‘of drowning’.” 78. Then Pharaoh pursued them with his soldiers—but how overwhelming were the waters that submerged them! 79. And ‘so’ Pharaoh led his people astray,

لَنْ تُؤْثِرَكَ عَلَىٰ مَا جَاءَنَا مِنَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالَّذِي  
فُطِرْنَا فَاقْضِ مَا أَنْتَ قَاضٍ ۖ إِنَّمَا تَقْضِي هَذِهِ  
الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا ۖ إِنَّا آمَنَّا بِرَبِّنَا لِنَغْفِرَ لَنَا خَطِيئَتَنَا  
وَمَا أَكْرَهْتَنَا عَلَيْهِ مِنَ السِّحْرِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرٌ  
وَأَبْقَى ۖ إِنَّهُ مَنْ يَأْتِ رَبَّهُ مُجْرِمًا فَإِنَّ لَهُ  
جَهَنَّمَ لَا يَمُوتُ فِيهَا وَلَا يَحْيَىٰ ۖ وَمَنْ يَأْتِهِ  
مُؤْمِنًا قَدْ عَمِلَ الصَّالِحَاتِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمُ الدَّرَجَاتُ  
الْعُلَىٰ ۖ جَدَّتْ عَدْنٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ  
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۖ وَذَٰلِكَ جَزَاؤُا مَنْ تَزَكَّى ۖ  
وَلَقَدْ أُوحِيَآ إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ ۖ أَنْ أَسْرِ بِعِبَادِي  
فَاصْرَبْ لَهُمْ طَرِيقًا فِي الْبَحْرِ يَبَسًا ۚ لَا تَخَفْ  
دَرَكًا وَلَا تَخْشَى ۖ فَاتَّبَعَهُمْ فِرْعَوْنُ بِجُنُودِهِ  
فَغَشَّيْهُمْ مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ مَا غَشَّيَهُمْ ۖ وَأَصَلَ فِرْعَوْنُ

قَوْمَهُ

مَنْزِلَ ٢



and did not guide 'them rightly'.

### Allah's Favours to the Israelites

80. O Children of Israel! We saved you from your enemy, and made an appointment with you<sup>589</sup> on the right side of Mount Tûr, and sent down to you manna and quails,<sup>590</sup> 81. 'saying,' "Eat from the good things We have provided for you, but do not transgress in them, or My wrath will befall you. And whoever My wrath befalls is certainly doomed. 82. But I am truly Most Forgiving to whoever repents, believes, and does good, then persists on 'true' guidance."

### The Golden Calf

83. 'Allah asked,' "Why have you come with such haste ahead of your people, O Moses?"<sup>591</sup> 84. He replied, "They are close on my tracks. And I have hastened to You, my Lord, so You will be pleased." 85. Allah responded, "We have indeed tested your people in your absence, and the Sâmiri<sup>592</sup> has led them astray." 86. So Moses returned to his people, furious and sorrowful. He said, "O my people! Had your Lord not made you a good promise?<sup>593</sup> Has my absence been too long for you?"

قَوْمَهُ وَمَا هَدَىٰ ۖ يَبْنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ قَدْ أَنْجَيْنَاكَ  
مَنْ عَدُوَّكُمْ ۖ وَوَعَدْنَاكُمْ جَانِبَ الطُّورِ الْأَيْمَنِ  
وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَنَّاءَ وَالسَّلَوى ۖ كُلُوا مِنْ  
طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ ۖ وَلَا تَطْغَوْا فِيهِ فَيَحِلَّ  
عَلَيْكُمْ غَضَبِي ۗ وَمَنْ يَحِلَّ عَلَيْهِ غَضَبِي فَقَدْ  
هَوَىٰ ۖ وَإِنِّي لَغَفَّارٌ لِّمَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ  
صَالِحًا ثُمَّ اهْتَدَىٰ ۖ وَمَا أَعْجَلَكَ عَنْ قَوْمِكَ  
يَمُوسَىٰ ۖ قَالَ هُمْ أَوْلَاءُ عَلَىٰ أَشْرِي وَعَجِلْتُ  
إِلَيْكَ رَبِّ لِتَرْضَىٰ ۖ قَالَ فَإِنَّا قَدْ فَتَنَّا قَوْمَكَ  
مِنْ بَعْدِكَ ۖ وَأَضَلَّهُمُ السَّامِرِيُّ ۖ فَرَجَعَ  
مُوسَىٰ إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ غَضْبَانَ أَسِفًا ۚ قَالَ يَقَوْمُ  
أَلَمْ يَعِدْكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ وَعَدًّا حَسَنًا ۚ أَفَطَالَ  
عَلَيْكُمُ الْعَهْدُ أَمْ أَرَدْتُمْ أَنْ يَحِلَّ عَلَيْكُمْ

غَضَبٌ

مَنْزِلٌ

589 i.e., your prophet to receive the Tablets for your guidance.

590 Manna (heavenly bread) and quails (chicken-like birds) sustained the children of Israel in the wilderness after they left Egypt.

591 Moses selected a delegation of seventy people from his community to go to Mount Tûr where it was appointed for him to receive the Tablets.

On the way, he rushed for the appointment with Allah, arriving before the delegation.

592 The Sâmiri, or the man from Samaria, was a hypocrite who led the Children of Israel into idol-worship.

593 To reveal the Torah for their guidance.

Or have you wished for wrath from your Lord to befall you, so you broke your promise to me?"<sup>594</sup>

#### The Calf Worshippers

87. They argued, "We did not break our promise to you of our own free will, but we were made to carry the burden of the people's 'golden' jewellery,<sup>595</sup> then we threw it 'into the fire', and so did the Sâmiri."  
88. Then he moulded for them an idol of a calf that made a lowing sound. They said, "This is your god and the god of Moses, but Moses forgot 'where it was'!"  
89. Did they not see that it did not respond to them, nor could it protect or benefit them?

#### Aaron's Stance

90. Aaron had already warned them beforehand, "O my people! You are only being tested by this, for indeed your 'one true' Lord is the Most Compassionate. So follow me and obey my orders."  
91. They replied, "We will not cease to worship it until Moses returns to us."  
92. Moses scolded 'his brother', "O Aaron! What prevented you, when you saw them going astray,  
93. from following after me? How could you disobey my orders?"<sup>596</sup>  
94. Aaron pleaded, "O son of my mother! Do not seize me by my beard or 'the hair of' my head. I really feared that you would say, 'You have caused division among the Children of Israel, and did not observe my word.'"

غَضَبُ مَنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَأَخْلَفْتُمْ مَوْعِدِي ۝ قَالَ أَوْ مَا  
أَخْلَفْنَا مَوْعِدَكَ بِمَلِكِنَا وَلِكِنَّا حُيِّلْنَا أَوْ زَارًا  
مِّن زِينَةِ الْقَوْمِ فَقَذَفْنَاهَا فَكَذَلِكَ أَلْقَى  
السَّامِرِيُّ ۝ فَأَخْرَجَ لَهُمْ عِجْلًا جَسَدًا لَهُ خُورٌ  
فَقَالُوا هَذَا إِلَهُكُمْ وَإِلَهُ مُوسَىٰ هَٰ فَنَسِيَ ۝  
أَفَلَا يَدْرُونَ إِلَّا يَرْجِعُ إِلَيْهِمْ قَوْلًا وَلَا يَمْلِكُ  
لَهُمْ ضَرًّا وَلَا نَفْعًا ۝ وَلَقَدْ قَالَ لَهُمْ هَارُونُ مِنْ  
قَبْلُ يَقَوْمِ اتَّبِعُوا فِتْنَةً بِهِ ۚ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ الرَّحْمَنُ  
فَاتَّبِعُونِي وَأَطِيعُوا أَمْرِي ۝ قَالُوا لَنْ نَّبْرَحَ عَلَيْهِ  
عَكْفِينَ حَتَّىٰ يَرْجِعَ إِلَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ ۝ قَالَ يَهْرُونَ مَا  
مَنْعَكَ إِذْ رَأَيْتَهُمْ ضَلُّوا ۚ أَلَّا تَتَّبِعَنِ ۖ أَفَعَصَيْتَ  
أَمْرِي ۝ قَالَ يَبْنَؤُمْ لَا تَأْخُذْ بِلِحِيَّتِي وَلَا بِرَأْسِي ۚ  
إِنِّي خَشِيتُ أَنْ تَقُولَ فَرَّقْتَ بَيْنَ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ

وَلَمْ تَرْقُبْ

مَنْزِلَ

594 To worship Allah alone until Moses returned with the Tablets.

595 The jewellery they borrowed from their Egyptian neighbours before they fled Egypt.

596 Moses' orders are mentioned in 7:142.

وَلَمْ تَرْقُبْ قَوْلِي ﴿٩٧﴾ قَالَ فَمَا خَطْبُكَ يَا سَامِرِيُّ ﴿٩٨﴾

قَالَ بَصُرْتُ بِمَا لَمْ يَبْصُرُوا بِهِ فَقَبَضْتُ قَبْضَةً

مِّنْ أَشْرِ الرَّسُولِ فَنَبَذْتُهَا وَكَذَلِكَ سَوَّلَتْ لِي

نَفْسِي ﴿٩٩﴾ قَالَ فَاذْهَبْ فَإِنَّ لَكَ فِي الْحَيَاةِ أَنْ

تَقُولَ لَا مِسَاسَ ۖ وَإِنَّ لَكَ مَوْعِدًا لَّنْ تَخْلَفَنَّهُ ۚ

وَانْظُرْ إِلَى إِلَهِكَ الَّذِي ظَلْتَ عَلَيْهِ عَاكِفًا ۚ

لَنُحَرِّقَنَّهُ ثُمَّ لَنَنْسِفَنَّهُ فِي الْيَمِّ نَسْفًا ﴿١٠٠﴾ إِنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ

اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ وَسِعَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا ﴿١٠١﴾

كَذَلِكَ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ مَا قَدْ سَبَقَ ۚ وَقَدْ

آتَيْنَكَ مِنْ لَّدُنَّا ذِكْرًا ﴿١٠٢﴾ مَّنْ أَعْرَضَ عَنْهُ فَإِنَّهُ

يَحْمِلُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ وِزْرًا ﴿١٠٣﴾ خَلِيدِينَ فِيهِ ۚ وَسَاءَ لَهُمْ

يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ حِمْلًا ﴿١٠٤﴾ يَوْمَ يُنْفَخُ فِي الصُّورِ وَنَحْشُرُ

الْجُرِمِينَ يَوْمَئِذٍ زُرْقًا ۚ يَتَخَفَتُونَ بَيْنَهُمْ إِنْ

لَيْسَ لَنَا

### The Sâmiri's Punishment

95. Moses then asked, "What did you think you were doing, O Sâmiri?" 96. He said, "I saw what they did not see, so I took a handful 'of dust' from the hoof-prints of 'the horse of' the messenger-angel 'Gabriel' then cast it 'on the moulded calf'. This is what my lower-self tempted me into."<sup>597</sup> 97. Moses said, "Go away then! And for 'the rest of your' life you will surely be crying, 'Do not touch 'me'!"<sup>598</sup> Then you will certainly have a fate<sup>599</sup> that you cannot escape. Now look at your god to which you have been devoted: we will burn it up, then scatter it in the sea completely."<sup>600</sup> 98. "Then Moses addressed his people," "Your only god is Allah, there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. He encompasses everything in 'His' knowledge."

### The Deniers of the Quran

99. This is how We relate to you 'O Prophet' some of the stories of the past. And We have certainly granted you a Reminder<sup>600</sup> from Us. 100. Whoever turns away from it will surely bear the burden 'of sin' on the Day of Judgment, 101. suffering its consequences forever. What an evil burden they will carry on Judgment Day! 102. 'Beware of' the Day the Trumpet will be blown,<sup>601</sup> and We will gather the wicked on that Day blue-faced 'from horror and thirst'.<sup>602</sup> 103. They will whisper among themselves,

597 This verse could also be translated as follows: "I had an insight which they did not have, then grasped some knowledge from the messenger 'Moses', but 'later' threw it away. This is what my lower-self tempted me to do." According to many Quran commentators, while Moses and the Children of Israel were crossing the sea to escape abuse by Pharaoh and his people, the Sâmiri saw Gabriel on a horse leading the way, and every time the horse touched the ground, it turned green. So the Sâmiri took a handful of dust from the hoof-prints of the horse, and later tossed it at the calf so it started to make a lowing sound.

598 Meaning, alienated in the dessert, away from the people.

599 lit., destined time.

600 The Quran.

601 See footnote for 18:99.

602 This can also mean "blind."

“You stayed no more than ten days ‘on the earth’.” 104. We know best what they will say—the most reasonable of them will say, “You stayed no more than a day.”

#### *Mountains on Judgment Day*

105. And ‘if they ask you ‘O Prophet’ about the mountains, ‘then’ say, ‘My Lord will wipe them out completely, 106. leaving the earth level and bare, 107. with neither depressions nor elevations to be seen.’”

#### *People on Judgment Day*

108. On that Day all will follow the caller ‘for assembly’, ‘and’ none will dare to deviate. All voices will be hushed before the Most Compassionate. Only whispers<sup>603</sup> will be heard. 109. On that Day no intercession will be of any benefit, except by those granted permission by the Most Compassionate and whose words are agreeable to Him. 110. He ‘fully’ knows what is ahead of them and what is behind them,<sup>604</sup> but they cannot encompass Him in ‘their’ knowledge.<sup>605</sup> 111. And all faces will be humbled before the Ever-Living, All-Sustaining. And those burdened with wrongdoing will be in loss. 112. But whoever does good and is a believer will have no fear of being wronged or denied ‘their reward’.

#### *The Quran*

113. And so We have sent it down as an Arabic Quran and varied the warnings in it,

لَيْسْتُمْ إِلَّا عَشْرًا ۝ نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ  
إِذْ يَقُولُ أَمْثَلُهُمْ طَرِيقَةً إِنْ لَيْسْتُمْ إِلَّا يَوْمًا ۝  
وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْجِبَالِ فَقُلْ يَنْسِفُهَا رَبِّي نَسْفًا ۝  
فَيَذَرُهَا قَاعًا صَفْصَفًا ۝ لَا تَرَى فِيهَا عِوَجًا وَلَا  
أَمْتًا ۝ يَوْمَئِذٍ يَتَّبِعُونَ الدَّاعِيَ لَا عِوَجَ لَهُ ۝  
وَخَشَعَتِ الْأَصْوَاتُ لِلرَّحْمَنِ فَلَا تَسْمَعُ إِلَّا هَمْسًا ۝  
يَوْمَئِذٍ لَا تَنْفَعُ الشَّفَاعَةُ إِلَّا مَنْ أَذِنَ لَهُ الرَّحْمَنُ  
وَرَضِيَ لَهُ قَوْلًا ۝ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا  
خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِهِ عِلْمًا ۝ وَعَلَّتِ الْأُجُوهُ  
لِلْحَيِّ الْقَيُّومِ ۝ وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ حَمَلَ ظُلْمًا ۝  
وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِنَ الصَّالِحَاتِ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَا يَخَفُ  
ظُلْمًا وَلَا هَضْمًا ۝ وَكَذَلِكَ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا  
وَوَصَرَفْنَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْوَعِيدِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ

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603 This can also mean “footsteps.”

604 Allah fully knows what fate awaits them and what they did in the world.

605 Or “... they cannot encompass His knowledge.”

اَوْ يُحَدِّثْ لَهُمْ ذِكْرًا ۝ فَتَعْلَىٰ لِلّٰهِ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ ۝  
 وَلَا تَعْجَلْ بِالْقُرْآنِ مِنْ قَبْلِ اَنْ يُقْضَىٰ اِلَيْكَ  
 وَحْيُهُ ۚ وَقُلْ رَّبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا ۝ وَلَقَدْ عَهِدْنَا اِلَى  
 اٰدَمَ مِنْ قَبْلِ فَنَسِيَ ۖ وَلَمْ نَجِدْ لَهُ عَزْمًا ۝  
 وَاِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ اسْجُدُوْا لِاٰدَمَ فَسَجَدُوْا اِلَّا  
 اِبْلٰسَ ۖ اَبٰى ۝ فَقُلْنَا يَا اٰدَمُ اِنَّ هٰذَا عَدُوٌّ لَّكَ  
 وَلِزَوْجِكَ فَلَا يُخْرِجَنَّكَمَا مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ فَتَشْقٰى ۝  
 اِنَّ لَكَ اَلًا تَجُوْعُ فِيْهَا وَلَا تَعْرٰى ۝ وَاَنَّكَ  
 لَا تَظْمَؤُا فِيْهَا وَلَا تَضْحٰى ۝ فَوَسَّوَسَ اِلَيْهِ  
 الشَّيْطٰنُ قَالَ يَا اٰدَمُ هَلْ اَدُلُّكَ عَلَى شَجَرَةٍ  
 الْخُلْدِ وَمُلْكٍ لَّا يَبْلٰى ۝ فَاَكَلَا مِنْهَا فَبَدَتْ  
 لَهُمَا سَوَاتُهُمَا وَطِفَقَا يَخْصِفْنَ عَلَيْهِمَا مِنْ  
 وَّرَقِ الْجَنَّةِ ۚ وَعَصٰى اٰدَمُ رَبَّهٖ فَغَوٰى ۝ ثُمَّ

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so perhaps they will shun evil or it may cause them to be mindful. 114. Exalted is Allah, the True King! Do not rush to recite 'a revelation of the Quran 'O Prophet' before it is 'properly' conveyed to you,<sup>606</sup> and pray, "My Lord! Increase me in knowledge."

#### Satan vs. Adam

115. And indeed, We once made a covenant with Adam, but he forgot, and 'so' We did not find determination in him. 116. And 'remember' when We said to the angels, "Prostrate before Adam," so they all did—but not *Iblis*,<sup>607</sup> who refused 'arrogantly'. 117. So We cautioned, "O Adam! This is surely an enemy to you and to your wife. So do not let him drive you both out of Paradise, for you 'O Adam' would then suffer 'hardship'. 118. Here it is guaranteed that you will never go hungry or unclothed, 119. nor will you 'ever' suffer from thirst or 'the sun's' heat."<sup>608</sup>

#### The Temptation

120. But Satan whispered to him, saying, "O Adam! Shall I show you the Tree of Immortality and a kingdom that does not fade away?" 121. So they both ate from the tree and then their nakedness was exposed to them, prompting them to cover themselves with leaves from Paradise. So Adam disobeyed his Lord, and 'so' lost his way.<sup>609</sup>

606 The Prophet (ﷺ) was eager to recite the Quran while it was being revealed to him through the angel Gabriel. So he (ﷺ) was told to take his time to learn it by heart once the verses are properly delivered to him.

607 See footnote for 2:34.

608 There is no sun or cold weather in Paradise, only light. See 76:13.

609 Unlike the Bible (Genesis 3), the Quran does not blame Eve for Adam's fall from the Garden.

122. Then his Lord chose him 'for His grace', accepted his repentance, and guided him 'rightly'.

#### The Fall

123. Allah said, "Descend, both of you, from here together 'with Satan' as enemies to each other. Then when guidance comes to you from Me, whoever follows My guidance will neither go astray 'in this life' nor suffer 'in the next'. 124. But whoever turns away from My Reminder will certainly have a miserable life,<sup>610</sup> then We will raise them up blind on the Day of Judgment." 125. They will cry, "My Lord! Why have you raised me up blind, although I used to see?" 126. Allah will respond, "It is so, just as Our revelations came to you and you neglected them, so Today you are neglected." 127. This is how We reward whoever transgresses and does not believe in the revelations of their Lord. And the punishment of the Hereafter is far more severe and more lasting.

#### Warning to Meccan Pagans

128. Is it not yet clear to them how many peoples We destroyed before them, whose ruins they still pass by? Surely in this are signs for people of sound judgment. 129. Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord<sup>611</sup> 'O Prophet' and a term already set, their 'instant' doom would have been inevitable.

اجْتَبَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَتَابَ عَلَيْهِ وَهَدَى ﴿١٢٢﴾ قَالَ اهْبِطَا  
مِنْهَا جَمِيعًا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ ۖ فَمَا يُآتِيكُمْ  
مِّنْهُ هَدًى ۖ فَمِنْ أَتَّبَعَ هُدَاىَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا  
يَشْقَى ﴿١٢٣﴾ وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِى فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً  
ضَنْكًا ۖ وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ أَعْمًى ﴿١٢٤﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ  
حَشَرْتَنِىٓ أَعْمًى وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا ﴿١٢٥﴾ قَالَ كَذَلِكَ  
أَتَتْكَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيتَهَا ۖ وَكَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ تُنسى ﴿١٢٦﴾  
وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِى مَنْ أَسْرَفَ وَلَمْ يُؤْمِنْ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِ  
وَلَعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةِ أَشَدُّ وَأَبْقَى ﴿١٢٧﴾ أَفَلَمْ يَهْدِ لَهُمْ  
كَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا قَبْلَهُمْ مِّنَ الْقُرُونِ يَظُنُّونَ فِي  
مَسْكَنِهِمْ ۖ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّأُولِي النُّهَى ﴿١٢٨﴾  
وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةٌ سَبَقَتْ مِنْ رَبِّكَ لَكَانَ لِزَامًا  
وَّاجِلٌ مِّنْهُمْ ۖ فَاصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَسَبِّحْ

بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ

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#### Advice to the Prophet

130. So be patient 'O Prophet' with what they say.

610 The Reminder is another name for the Quran.

611 That He will delay their judgment until the Hereafter.

بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ غُرُوبِهَا  
 وَمِنْ أَنَاءِ اللَّيْلِ فَسَبِّحْ وَأَطْرَافَ النَّهَارِ لَعَلَّكَ  
 تَرْضَى ﴿١٣١﴾ وَلَا تَمُدَّنَّ عَيْنَيْكَ إِلَىٰ مَا مَتَّعْنَا بِهِ  
 أَزْوَاجًا مِنْهُمْ نَرَاهُمُ الْحَيَوَةَ الدُّنْيَا ۖ إِنْفَتَحَتْ  
 فِيهِ ۖ وَرِزْقُ رَبِّكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَىٰ ﴿١٣٢﴾ وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ  
 بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا ۖ لَا نَسْأَلُكَ رِزْقًا نَحْنُ  
 نَرِزُقُكَ ۖ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ ﴿١٣٣﴾ وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا  
 يَأْتِينَا بَايَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ ۖ أَوَلَمْ تَأْتِهِمْ بَيِّنَةٌ مَا فِي  
 الصُّحُفِ الْأُولَىٰ ﴿١٣٤﴾ وَلَوْ أَنَّا أَهْلَكْنَاهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ  
 مِنْ قَبْلِهِ لَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا لَوْلَا أَرْسَلْتَ إِلَيْنَا رَسُولًا  
 فَنَتَّبِعَ آيَاتِكَ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ نَسْذِلَّ وَنَخْزَىٰ ﴿١٣٥﴾  
 قُلْ كُلٌّ مُتَرَبِّصٌ فَتَرَبَّصُوا ۖ فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ مَنْ  
 أَصْحَبُ الصِّرَاطِ السَّوِيِّ وَمَنِ اهْتَدَىٰ ﴿١٣٦﴾

And glorify the praises of your Lord before sunrise and before sunset, and glorify Him in the hours of the night and at both ends of the day,<sup>612</sup> so that you may be pleased 'with the reward'. 131. Do not let your eyes crave what We have allowed some of the disbelievers to enjoy; the 'fleeting' splendour of this worldly life, which We test them with. But your Lord's provision 'in the Hereafter' is far better and more lasting. 132. Bid your people to pray, and be diligent in 'observing' it. We do not ask you to provide. It is We Who provide for you. And the ultimate outcome is 'only' for 'the people of' righteousness.

#### Warning to the Pagans

133. They demand, "If only he could bring us a sign from his Lord!"<sup>613</sup> Have they not 'already' received a confirmation of what is in earlier Scriptures?<sup>614</sup> 134. Had We destroyed them with a torment before this 'Prophet came', they would have surely argued, "Our Lord! If only You had sent us a messenger, we would have followed Your revelations before being humiliated and put to shame." 135. Say 'to them, O Prophet', "Each 'of us' is waiting, so keep waiting! You will soon know who is on the Straight Path and is 'rightly' guided."



612 This verse refers to the times of the five daily prayers.

613 The pagans of Mecca were not satisfied with a literary miracle in the form of the Quran, so they asked for a tangible miracle (see 17:90-91) similar to the staff of Moses.

614 This either refers to the Biblical stories confirmed by the Quran or the prophecies of Muḥammad (ﷺ) in the Bible. Some Muslim scholars cite Deuteronomy 18:15-18 and 33:2, Isaiah 42, and John 14:16 as examples of the description of Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ) in the Bible. However, Bible scholars interpret these verses differently.

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Indifference to Judgment*

1. 'The time of' people's judgment has drawn near, yet they are heedlessly turning away. 2. Whatever new reminder comes to them from their Lord, they only listen to it jokingly, 3. with their hearts 'totally' distracted.

*Discrediting the Prophet*

The evildoers would converse secretly, 'saying,' "Is this 'one' not human like yourselves? Would you fall for 'this' witchcraft, even though you can 'clearly' see?" 4. The Prophet responded, "My Lord 'fully' knows every word spoken in the heavens and the earth. For He is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing." 5. Yet they say, "This 'Quran' is a set of confused dreams! No, he has fabricated it! No, he must be a poet! So let him bring us a 'tangible' sign like those 'prophets' sent before." 6. Not a 'single' society We destroyed before them ever believed 'after receiving the signs'. Will these 'pagans' then believe?

*Human, Not Angelic Messengers*

7. We did not send 'messengers' before you 'O Prophet' except mere men inspired by Us. If you 'polytheists' do not know 'this already', then ask those who have knowledge 'of the Scriptures'.

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سُورَةُ الْاَنْبِيَاءِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٢١) اياتها ١١٣

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اِقْتَرَبَ لِلنَّاسِ حِسَابُهُمْ وَهُمْ فِي غَفْلَةٍ مُّعْرِضُونَ ١

مَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِّنْ ذِكْرٍ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ مُّحَدَّثٍ اِلَّا اسْتَمَعُوهُ ٢

وَهُمْ يَلْعَبُونَ ٣ لَاهِيَةً قُلُوبُهُمْ ٤ وَاَسْرَوْا النَّجْوَى ٥

الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ٦ هَلْ هَذَا اِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ ٧ اَفَتَأْتُونَ

السَّحَرَاءَ وَانْتُمْ تُبْصِرُونَ ٨ قُلْ رَبِّي يَعْلَمُ الْقَوْلَ

فِي السَّمَاءِ وَالْاَرْضِ ٩ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ١٠

بَلْ قَالُوا اضْغَاثٌ اَحْلَامٍ ١١ بَلْ هُوَ شَاعِرٌ ١٢ فَلْيَأْتِنَا بِآيَةٍ كَمَا اُرْسِلَ الْاَوَّلُونَ ١٣

اَمَنْتَ قَبْلَهُمْ مِّنْ قَرْيَةٍ اَهْلَكْنَاهَا ١٤ اَفَهُمْ يُؤْمِنُونَ ١٥

وَمَا اَرْسَلْنَا قَبْلَكَ اِلَّا رِجَالًا نُّوْحِيْ اِلَيْهِمْ ١٦

فَسْأَلُوا اَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ١٧

وَمَا جَعَلْنَاهُمْ

مَّنْزِلَ ١٨



وَمَا جَعَلْنَاهُمْ جَسَدًا لَا يَأْكُلُونَ الطَّعَامَ وَمَا  
كَانُوا خَالِدِينَ ﴿٨﴾ ثُمَّ صَدَقْنَاهُمُ الْوَعْدَ فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُمْ  
وَمَنْ نَشَاءُ وَاهْلَكْنَا الْمُسْرِفِينَ ﴿٩﴾ لَقَدْ أَنْزَلْنَا  
إِلَيْكُمْ كِتَابًا فِيهِ ذِكْرُكُمْ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَكَمْ  
قَصَمْنَا مِنْ قَبْرِيَّةٍ كَانَتْ ظَالِمَةً وَأَنْشَأْنَا  
بَعْدَهَا قَوْمًا آخَرِينَ ﴿١١﴾ فَلَبَّأَ أَحْسُوا بَأْسَنَا إِذَا  
هُم مِّنْهَا يَرْكُضُونَ ﴿١٢﴾ لَا تَرَكَضُوا وَارْجِعُوا إِلَىٰ مَا  
أْتَرَفْتُمْ فِيهِ وَمَسْكِنَكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُسْأَلُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ قَالُوا  
يُؤْيِلْنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿١٤﴾ فَمَا زَالَتْ تِلْكَ  
دَعْوَاهُمْ حَتَّىٰ جَعَلْنَاهُمْ حَصِيدًا خَامِدِينَ ﴿١٥﴾ وَمَا  
خَلَقْنَا السَّمَاءَ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا لِلْعَيْنِ ﴿١٦﴾  
لَوْ أَرَدْنَا أَنْ نَتَّخِذَ لَهُوَ لَا تَتَّخِذْنَهُ مِنْ لَّدُنَّا ط  
إِنْ كُنَّا فَعَلِينَ ﴿١٧﴾ بَلْ نَقْذِفُ بِالْحَقِّ عَلَىٰ

8. We did not give those messengers 'supernatural' bodies that did not need food, nor were they immortal. 9. Then We fulfilled Our promise to them, saving them along with whoever We willed and destroying the transgressors.

#### Reasoning with Meccan Pagans

10. We have surely revealed to you a Book, in which there is glory for you. Will you not then understand?

11. 'Imagine' how many societies of wrongdoers We have destroyed, raising up other people after them!

12. When the wrongdoers sensed 'the arrival of' Our torment, they started to run away from their cities.

13. 'They were told,' "Do not run away! Return to your luxuries and your homes, so you may be questioned 'about your fate'." 14. They cried, "Woe to us! We have surely been wrongdoers." 15. They kept repeating their cry until We mowed them down, 'leaving them' lifeless.<sup>615</sup>

#### Divine Amusement?

16. We did not create the heavens and the earth and everything in between for sport. 17. Had We intended to take 'some' amusement, We could have found it in Our presence, if that had been Our Will. 18. In fact, We hurl the truth against falsehood,

leaving it crushed, and it quickly vanishes. And woe be to you for what you claim!<sup>616</sup> 19. To Him belong all those in the heavens and the earth. And those nearest to Him are not too proud to worship Him, nor do they tire. 20. They glorify 'Him' day and night, never wavering.

#### False Allahs

21. Or have they taken gods from the earth, who can raise the dead? 22. Had there been other gods besides Allah in the heavens or the earth, both 'realms' would have surely been corrupted. So Glorified is Allah, Lord of the Throne, far above what they claim. 23. He cannot be questioned about what He does, but they will 'all' be questioned. 24. Or have they taken other gods besides Him? Say, 'O Prophet,' "Show 'me' your proof. Here is 'the Quran,' the Reminder for those with me; along with 'earlier Scriptures,' the Reminder for those before me."<sup>617</sup> But most of them do not know the truth, so they turn away. 25. We never sent a messenger before you 'O Prophet' without revealing to him: "There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Me, so worship Me 'alone'."

#### A Pagan Claim

26. And they say, "The Most Compassionate has offspring!"<sup>618</sup>

616 That Allah has a partner and children.

617 The Prophet (ﷺ) is ordered to challenge the pagans to produce logical and scriptural proofs for the existence of other gods beside Allah. The verses then argue that if there is more than one god, the different gods would have fought among themselves for domination, and the whole universe would have been ruined. The Quran, the Torah, and the Gospel are all in agreement that there is only One God.

618 Some pagans claimed that the angels are Allah's daughters.

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 الانبياء ٢١

الْبَاطِلُ فَيَذِمُّهُ فَإِذَا هُوَ زَاهِقٌ ۖ وَلَكُمْ الْوَيْلُ  
 مِمَّا تَصِفُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ وَلَهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
 وَمَنْ عِنْدَهُ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِ  
 وَلَا يَسْتَحْسِرُونَ ﴿١٩﴾ يُسَبِّحُونَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ  
 لَا يَفْتُرُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ أَمْ اتَّخَذُوا إِلَهًا مِنَ  
 الْأَرْضِ هُمْ يُنْشِرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ لَوْ كَانَ فِيهِمَا  
 آلِهَةٌ إِلَّا اللَّهُ لَفَسَدَتَا ۖ فَسُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ  
 عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾ لَا يُسْأَلُ عَمَّا يَفْعَلُ وَهُمْ  
 يُسْأَلُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ أَمْ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ  
 إِلَهًا ۖ قُلْ مَا تَوْأَمَتُوا بَرَهَانَكُمْ ۚ  
 هَذَا ذِكْرٌ مِنْ مَعِيَ وَذِكْرٌ مِنْ قَبْلِي ۖ بَلْ  
 أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ الْحَقَّ فَهُمْ مُعْرِضُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾  
 وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِيْ  
 إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ ﴿٢٥﴾  
 وَقَالُوا اتَّخَذَ الرَّحْمَنُ

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وَلَدًا سُبْحَنَهُ ١٢ بَلْ عِبَادٌ مُّكْرَمُونَ ٢١ لَا يَسْبِقُونَهُ  
 بِالنُّقُولِ وَهُمْ بِأَمْرِهِ يَعْمَلُونَ ٢٢ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
 بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يَشْفَعُونَ ٢٣ إِلَّا  
 لِمَنِ ارْتَضَىٰ وَهُمْ مِّنْ خَشْيَتِهِ مُشْفِقُونَ ٢٤ وَمَن  
 يَقُلْ مِثْلَهُمْ إِنِّي إِلَٰهٌ مِّنْ دُونِهِ فَذَلِكْ نَجْزِيهِ  
 جَهَنَّمَ ٢٥ كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الظَّالِمِينَ ٢٦ أَوَلَمْ يَرِ  
 الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ كَانَتَا  
 رَتْقًا فَفَتَقْنَاهُمَا ٢٧ وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ  
 حَيٍّ ٢٨ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ٢٩ وَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ  
 أَنْ تَمِيدَ بِهِمْ ٣٠ وَجَعَلْنَا فِيهَا فِجَاجًا سُبُلًا  
 لَّعَلَّهُمْ يَهْتَدُونَ ٣١ وَجَعَلْنَا السَّمَاءَ سَقْفًا  
 مَّحْفُوظًا ٣٢ وَهُمْ عَنْ آيَاتِهَا مُعْرِضُونَ ٣٣  
 وَهُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ

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Glory be to Him! In fact, those 'angels' are only 'His' honoured servants, 27. who do not speak until He has spoken, 'only' acting at His command. 28. He 'fully' knows what is ahead of them and what is behind them. They do not intercede except for whom He approves, and they tremble in awe of Him. 29. Whoever of them were to say, "I am a god besides Him," they would be rewarded with Hell by Us. This is how We reward the wrongdoers.

#### Miracles in the Universe

30. Do the disbelievers not realize that the heavens and earth were 'once' one mass then We split them apart?<sup>619</sup> And We created from water every living thing. Will they not then believe? 31. And We have placed firm mountains upon the earth so it does not shake with them, and made in it broad pathways so they may find their way. 32. And We have made the sky a well-protected canopy, still they turn away from its signs.<sup>620</sup> 33. And He is the One Who created the day and the night, the sun and the moon—

619 This probably refers to the event commonly known as the Big Bang.

620 The signs of the heaven include the galaxies, planets, stars, etc., all of which have an orbit. Our planet orbits the sun, the sun orbits the Milky Way Galaxy, and the Milky Way Galaxy orbits the Virgo Supercluster, etc.

each travelling in an orbit.

#### *Fleeting World*

34. We have not granted immortality to any human before you 'O Prophet': so if you die, will they live forever? 35. Every soul will taste death. And We test you 'O humanity' with good and evil as a trial, then to Us you will 'all' be returned.

#### *Warning to the Polytheists*

36. When the disbelievers see you 'O Prophet', they only make fun of you, 'saying, "Is this the one who speaks 'ill' of your gods?" while they disbelieve at the mention of the Most Compassionate. 37. Humankind is made of haste. I will soon show you My signs, so do not ask Me to hasten them. 38. They ask 'the believers', "When will this threat come to pass if what you say is true?" 39. If only the disbelievers knew that a time will come when they will not be able to keep the Fire off their faces or backs, nor will they be helped. 40. In fact, the Hour will take them by surprise, leaving them stunned. So they will not be able to avert it, nor will it be delayed from them. 41. 'Other' messengers had already been ridiculed before you 'O Prophet',

كُلٌّ فِي فَلَكٍ يَسْبَحُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَمَا جَعَلْنَا لِبَشَرٍ مِنْ  
قَبْلِكَ الْخُلْدَ أَفَإِنْ مِتَّ فَهُمْ الْخَالِدُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾  
كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَاقَةُ الْمَوْتِ وَنَبْلُوكُمْ بِالشَّرِّ  
وَالْخَيْرِ فِتْنَةً ۖ وَإِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَإِذَا  
رَأَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنْ يَتَّخِذُونَكَ إِلَّا هُزُوًا  
أَهَذَا الَّذِي يَذْكُرُ آلِهَتَكُمْ ۖ وَهُمْ يَذْكُرُ الرَّحْمَنَ  
هُمْ كَفُرُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَجَلٍ ۖ سَأُورِيكُمْ  
آيَاتِي فَلَا تَسْتَعْجِلُونِ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا  
الْوَعْدُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾ لَوْ يَعْلَمُ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا حِينَ لَا يَكْفُونُ عَنْ وُجُوهِهِمُ النَّارَ وَلَا  
عَنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾ بَلْ تَأْتِيهِمْ  
بَغْتَةً فَتَبْهَتُهُمْ فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ رَدَّهَا وَلَا هُمْ  
يُنْظَرُونَ ﴿٤١﴾ وَلَقَدْ اسْتَهْزَى بِرُسُلٍ مِنْ

قَبْلِكَ فَحَاقَ بِالَّذِينَ سَخِرُوا مِنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا  
 بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ قُلْ مَنْ يَكْلُوكُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ  
 وَالنَّهَارِ مِنَ الرَّحْمَنِ ۖ بَلْ هُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ رَبِّهِمْ  
 مُعْرِضُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ أَمْ لَهُمْ آلِهَةٌ تَمْنَعُهُمْ مِنْ دُونِنَا ۖ  
 لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ نَصْرَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ مَتَّاعُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾  
 بَلْ مَتَّعْنَا هَؤُلَاءِ وَآبَاءَهُمْ حَتَّى طَالَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْعُمُرُ ۖ  
 أَفَلَا يَرَوْنَ أَنَّا نَأْتِي الْأَرْضَ نَنْقُصُهَا مِنْ أَطْرَافِهَا ۖ  
 أَفَهُمُ الْغَالِبُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ قُلْ إِنَّمَا أُنْذِرُكُمْ بِالْوَحْيِ ۖ  
 وَلَا يَسْمَعُ الصَّمُّ الدُّعَاءَ إِذَا مَا يُنْذَرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾  
 وَلَئِنْ مَسَّتْهُمْ نَفْحَةٌ مِّنْ عَذَابِ رَبِّكَ لَيَقُولُنَّ  
 يُوَيْلَنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَنَضَعُ الْمَوَازِينَ  
 الْقِسْطَ لِيَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ فَلَا تُظْلَمُ نَفْسٌ شَيْئًا ۖ وَإِنْ  
 كَانَ مِثْقَالَ حَبَّةٍ مِّنْ خَرْدَلٍ أَتَيْنَا بِهَا ۖ وَكَفَى

but those who mocked them were overtaken by what they used to ridicule.

#### Questions to the Pagans

42. Ask 'them, O Prophet,' "Who can defend you by day or by night against the Most Compassionate?" Still they turn away from the remembrance of their Lord. 43. Or do they have gods—other than Us—that can protect them? They cannot 'even' protect themselves, nor will they be aided against Us. 44. In fact, We have allowed enjoyment for these 'Meccans' and their forefathers for such a long time "that they took it for granted". Do they not see that We gradually reduce 'their' land from its borders? Is it they who will then prevail?

#### Warning of Torment

45. Say, "O Prophet," "I warn you only by revelation." But the deaf cannot hear the call when they are warned! 46. If they were touched by even a breath of your Lord's torment, they would certainly cry, "Woe to us! We have really been wrongdoers."

#### Divine Justice

47. We will set up the scales of justice on the Day of Judgment, so no soul will be wronged in the least. And 'even' if a deed is the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it forth.

And sufficient are We as a 'vigilant' Reckoner.

### The Torah

48. Indeed, We granted Moses and Aaron the standard 'to distinguish between right and wrong'—a light and a reminder for the righteous, 49. who are in awe of their Lord without seeing Him,<sup>621</sup> and are fearful of the Hour.

### The Quran

50. And this 'Quran' is a blessed reminder which We have revealed. Will you 'pagans' then deny it?

### Prophet Abraham

51. And indeed, We had granted Abraham sound judgment early on, for We knew him well 'to be worthy of it'. 52. 'Remember' when he questioned his father and his people, "What are these statues to which you are so devoted?" 53. They replied, "We found our forefathers worshipping them." 54. He responded, "Indeed, you and your forefathers have been clearly astray." 55. They asked, "Have you come to us with the truth, or is this a joke?" 56. He replied, "In fact, your Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth, Who created them 'both'. And to that I bear witness." 57. "Then he said to himself," "By Allah! I will surely plot against your idols after you have turned your backs and gone away." 58. So he smashed them into pieces,

بِأَحْسَنِ ۖ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ وَهَارُونَ الْفُرْقَانَ  
وَضِيَاءً وَذِكْرًا لِلْبَاقِينَ ۖ الَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ  
رَبَّهُم بِالْغَيْبِ وَهُمْ مِّنَ السَّاعَةِ مُشْفِقُونَ ۖ  
وَهَذَا ذِكْرٌ مُّبَارَكٌ أَنزَلْنَاهُ ۖ أَفَأَنْتُمْ لَهُ مُنْكَرُونَ ۖ  
وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ رُشْدَهُ مِن قَبْلُ وَكُنَّا بِهِ  
عَالِمِينَ ۖ إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ وَقَوْمِهِ مَا هَذِهِ التَّمَاثِيلُ  
الَّتِي أَنْتُمْ لَهَا عَاكِفُونَ ۖ قَالُوا وَجَدْنَا آبَاءَنَا  
لَهَا عِبَادِينَ ۖ قَالَ لَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَنْتُمْ وَآبَاؤُكُمْ  
فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ۖ قَالُوا أَجِئْتَنَا بِالْحَقِّ أَمْ  
أَنْتَ مِنَ اللَّاعِبِينَ ۖ قَالَ بَلْ رَبُّكُمْ رَبُّ  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ الَّذِي فَطَرَهُنَّ ۖ وَأَنَا عَلَىٰ  
ذَلِكَ مِّنَ الشَّاهِدِينَ ۖ وَتَالِ اللَّهِ لَآ كِيدَ لَكُمْ  
أَصْنَامُكُمْ بَعْدَ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا مُدْبِرِينَ ۖ فَجَعَلَهُم

جَدًّا

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<sup>621</sup> This can also mean that they are in awe of their Lord as much in private as they are in public.

جُذِّدَا إِلَّا كَبِيرًا لَّهُمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ إِلَيْهِ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

قَالُوا مَنْ فَعَلَ هَذَا بِآلِهَتِنَا إِنَّهُ لَمِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾

قَالُوا سَمِعْنَا فَتًى يَذْكُرُهُمْ يُقَالُ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ ۖ قَالُوا

فَاتُوا بِهِ عَلَىٰ أَعْيُنِ النَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَشْهَدُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

قَالُوا أَنْتَ فَعَلْتَ هَذَا بِالْهَيْتِنَا يَا بُرْهِيمُ ط

قَالَ بَلْ فَعَلَهُ كَبْرُهُمْ هَذَا فَسْأَلُكُمْ إِنْ كَانُوا

سَنُطَقُّوْنَ ﴿٣٢﴾ فَاحْصُوْا اِلَى اَنْفُسِكُمْ فَقَالَا لَكُمْ

أَنْتُمْ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿١٣١﴾ ثُمَّ نَكْسُوهَا عَلَىٰ عَافِيَةٍ جَاقِلَةٍ

عَلَيْهِمْ سَامِعِينَ نَسْأَلُكَ بِمَنْزِلِكَ الْفَتَى

مَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اٰف لَكُمْ وَلِيًّا نَعْبُدُوْنَ مِنْ دُوْنِ اللّٰهِ ؕ اَفَلَا

تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٤٦﴾ فَلَوْ أَحْرَقُوهُ وَأَنصَرُوا إِلَهُهُم

إِنْ كُنْتُمْ فَعِلِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾ فَلَنُيَنَّا رُؤُوسَ بَرْدٍ

59. They protested, "Who dared do this to our gods? It must be an evildoer!"

60. Some said, "We heard a young man, called Abraham, speaking 'ill' of

them.” 61. They demanded, “Bring him before the eyes of the people, so that

they may witness 'his trial'." 62. They asked, "Was it you who did this to our

gods, O Abraham?" 63. He replied 'sarcastically' "No, this one—the big-

gest of them—did it! So ask them, if they can talk!" 64 So they came back

to their senses, saying 'to one another',  
"You yourselves are truly the wrongdo-

ers!" 65. Then they 'quickly' regressed to their 'original' mind set, 'arguing'

"You already know that those 'idols' cannot talk." 66 He rebuked [them]

“Do you then worship—instead of Allah—what can neither benefit nor harm

you in any way? 67. Shame on you and

Do you not have any sense?" 68. They

concluded, "Burn him up to avenge your gods, if you must act."

## Abraham Prevails

69. We ordered, "O fire! Be cool and safe for Abraham!"<sup>622</sup> 70. They had sought to harm him, but We made them the worst losers. 71. Then We delivered him, along with Lot, to the land We had showered with blessings for all people.<sup>623</sup> 72. And We blessed him with Isaac "as a son" and Jacob "as a grandson", as an additional favour—making all of them righteous. 73. We "also" made them leaders, guiding by Our command, and inspired them to do good deeds, establish prayer, and pay alms-tax. And they were devoted to Our worship.

## Prophet Lot

74. And to Lot We gave wisdom and knowledge, and delivered him from the society engrossed in shameful practices. They were certainly an evil, rebellious people. 75. And We admitted him into Our mercy, "for" he was truly one of the righteous.

## Prophet Noah

76. And "remember" when Noah had cried out to Us earlier, so We responded to him and delivered him and his family<sup>624</sup> from the great distress. 77. And We made him prevail over those who had rejected Our signs.

وَسَلِّمًا عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ۖ وَارَادُوا بِهِ كَيْدًا  
فَجَعَلْنَاهُمُ الْآخِزِينَ ۖ وَنَجَّيْنَاهُ وَلُوطًا إِلَى  
الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي بَارَكْنَا فِيهَا لِلْعَالَمِينَ ۖ وَوَهَبْنَا  
لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ ۖ وَيَعْقُوبَ نَافِلَةً ۖ وَكَوَلَّجَعَلْنَا  
صَالِحِينَ ۖ وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ أَيْمَةً يَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا  
وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْهِمْ فَعَلِ الْخَيْرَاتِ وَإِقَامَ الصَّلَاةِ  
وَإِيتَاءَ الزَّكَاةِ ۖ وَكَانُوا لَنَا عَبِيدِينَ ۖ وَلُوطًا  
آتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا وَنَجَّيْنَاهُ مِنَ الْقَرْيَةِ الَّتِي  
كَانَتْ تَعْمَلُ الْخَبِيثَ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمَ سَوْءٍ  
فَاسِقِينَ ۖ وَأَدْخَلْنَاهُ فِي رَحْمَتِنَا ۖ إِنَّهُ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ۖ  
وَنُوحًا إِذْ نَادَىٰ مِنْ قَبْلُ فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ فَنَجَّيْنَاهُ  
وَأَهْلَهُ مِنَ الْكَرْبِ الْعَظِيمِ ۖ وَنَصَرْنَاهُ  
مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا ۖ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا

قَوْمٌ سَوْءٌ

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622 It is reported in a *hadith* collected by Bukhârî that Abraham (ؑ) said, while being thrown into the fire, "Allah "alone" is sufficient "as an aid" for us and "He" is the best Protector."

623 Abraham and his nephew, Lot, migrated from Babel, Iraq to Jerusalem.

624 i.e.. the believers in his family.



قَوْمٌ سَوْءٌ فَأَغْرَقْنَاهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَدَاوُدَ وَسُلَيْمَانَ  
 إِذْ يَخِمْكُنِ فِي الْحَرْثِ إِذْ نَفَسَتْ فِيهِ غَمُّ  
 الْقَوْمِ ۖ وَكُنَّا لِحُكْمِهِمْ شَاهِدِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾ فَفَهَّمْنَاهَا  
 سُلَيْمَانَ ۖ وَكُلًّا آتَيْنَا حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا ۚ وَسَخَّرْنَا  
 مَعَ دَاوُدَ الْجِبَالَ يُسَبِّحْنَ وَالطَّيْرَ ۖ وَكُنَّا فَاعِلِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾  
 وَعَلَّمْنَاهُ صَنْعَةَ لَبُوسٍ لَّكُمْ لِيَتْحَصِّنَ كُمْ مِّنْ  
 بَأْسِكُمْ ۖ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ شَاكِرُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَسَلَيْمَانَ  
 الرِّيحَ عَاصِفَةً تَجْرِي بِأَمْرِهِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي  
 بَارَكْنَا فِيهَا ۖ وَكُنَّا بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾ وَمِنَ  
 الشَّيَاطِينِ مَن يَغُوصُونَ لَهُ وَيَعْمَلُونَ عَمَلًا  
 دُونَ ذَلِكَ ۖ وَكُنَّا لَهُمْ حَافِظِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾ وَآيُوبَ  
 إِذْ نَادَى رَبَّهُ ۖ إِنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ  
 الرَّاحِمِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾ فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ فَكَشَفْنَا مَا بِهِ مِنْ

ضُرٍّ وَآتَيْنَاهُ

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They were truly an evil people, so We drowned them all.

*Prophet David and Prophet Solomon*  
 78. And 'remember' when David and Solomon passed judgment regarding the crops ruined 'at night' by someone's sheep, and We were witness to their judgments. 79. We guided 'young' Solomon to a fairer settlement,<sup>625</sup> and granted each of them wisdom and knowledge. We subjected the mountains as well as the birds to hymn 'Our praises' along with David. It is We Who did 'it all'. 80. We taught him the art of making body armour to protect you in battle. Will you then be grateful? 81. And to Solomon We subjected the raging winds, blowing by his command to the land We had showered with blessings. It is We Who know everything. 82. And 'We subjected' some jinn<sup>626</sup> that dived for him,<sup>627</sup> and performed other duties. It is We Who kept them in check.

#### *Prophet Job*

83. And 'remember' when Job cried out to his Lord, "I have been touched with adversity,<sup>628</sup> and You are the Most Merciful of the merciful." 84. So We answered his prayer and removed his adversity,

625 A man's flock of sheep strayed into another man's vineyard, eating and destroying all his produce. When the two men came to David for judgment, he ruled that the shepherd must give his animals to the vineyard owner in compensation for the damage. On their way out, the two men met young Solomon and the shepherd complained to him. Solomon discussed the case with his father, and suggested that the sheep should be kept with the man who lost his produce so he may benefit from their milk and wool, while the shepherd worked on the farm to restore it to its original state. Eventually the farmer would take back his farm in perfect condition, and the sheep would be returned to the shepherd. David was impressed by his son's insight and approved his fair judgment immediately.

626 lit., devils.

627 The jinn dived to bring him pearls.

628 This refers to his loss of health, wealth, and children.

and gave him back his family, twice as many, as a mercy from Us and a lesson for the 'devoted' worshippers.

### More Prophets

85. And 'remember' Ishmael, Enoch, and Zul-Kifl.<sup>629</sup> They were all steadfast. 86. We admitted them into Our mercy, for they were truly of the righteous.

### Prophet Jonah

87. And 'remember' when the Man of the Whale stormed off 'from his city' in a rage, thinking We would not restrain him.<sup>630</sup> Then in the 'veils of darkness'<sup>631</sup> he cried out, "There is no god 'worthy of worship' except You. <sup>اعطيات</sup> Glory be to You! I have certainly done wrong." 88. So We answered his prayer and rescued him from anguish. And so do We save the 'true' believers.

### Prophet Zachariah

89. And 'remember' when Zachariah cried out to his Lord, "My Lord! Do not leave me childless, though You are the Best of Successors."<sup>632</sup> 90. So We answered his prayer, granted him John, and made his wife fertile. Indeed, they used to race in doing good, and call upon Us with hope and fear, totally humbling themselves before Us.

ضَرَّ وَآتَيْنَاهُ أَهْلَهُ وَمِثْلَهُم مَّعَهُمْ رَحْمَةً مِّنْ  
عِندِنَا وَذِكْرَىٰ لِلْعَبِيدِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ  
وَإِدْرِيسَ وَذَا الْكِفْلِ ط كُلٌّ مِّنَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾  
وَأَدْخَلْنَاهُمْ فِي رَحْمَتِنَا ط إِنَّهُمْ مِّنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾  
وَذَا النُّونِ إِذْ ذَهَبَ مُغَاضِبًا فَظَنَّ أَن لَّنْ  
نَقْدِرَ عَلَيْهِ فَنَادَىٰ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ أَن لَّا إِلَهَ  
إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ ط إِنَّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٨٨﴾  
فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ وَنَجَّيْنَاهُ مِنَ الْغَمِّ ط وَكَذَٰلِكَ  
نُجِّي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾ وَزَكَرِيَّا إِذْ نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُ  
رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا وَّ أَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ ﴿٩٠﴾  
فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ يَحْيَىٰ وَأَصْلَحْنَا  
لَهُ زَوْجَهُ ط إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يُسْرِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ  
وَيَدْعُونََنَا رَغَبًا وَرَهَبًا ط وَكَانُوا لَنَا خَشِعِينَ ﴿٩١﴾

وَالَّتِي أَحْصَيْتَ

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629 Scholars are in disagreement as to whether Zul-Kifl was a prophet or just a righteous man. Those who maintain that he was a prophet identify him with various Biblical prophets such as Ezekiel, Isaiah, and Obadiah.

630 Or "thinking We will let him get away with it." Jonah (يونس) had been met with denial for many years. When he sensed the coming of Allah's torment, he abandoned his city without Allah's permission. Eventually, his people repented before the coming of the torment, and Allah accepted their repentance (see 10:98), whereas Jonah ended up in the belly of the whale (see 37:140-148).

631 The darkness of the night, the sea, and the belly of the whale.

632 Meaning. "You will be there for eternity after all pass away."

وَالَّتِي أَحْصَيْتَ فَرْجَهَا فَنَفَخْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ رُوحِنَا  
وَجَعَلْنَاهَا وَابْنَهَا آيَةً لِلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٩١﴾ إِنَّ هَذِهِ  
أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً ۖ وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُونِ ﴿٩٢﴾  
وَتَقَطَّعُوا أَمْرَهُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ كُلُّ إِلَهِنَا رَجْعُونَ ۚ  
فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِنَ الصَّالِحَاتِ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَا كُفْرَانَ  
لِسَعِيدٍ ۖ وَإِنَّا لَهُ كَاتِبُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾ وَحَرَّمْنَا عَلَى قَرِيَّةٍ  
أَهْلَكْنَاهَا أَنَّهُمْ لَا يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٩٤﴾ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فُتِحَتْ  
يَا جُوجُ وَمَا جُوجُ ۖ وَهُمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ حَدَبٍ يَنْسِلُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾  
وَاقْتَرَبَ الْوَعْدُ الْحَقُّ فَإِذَا هِيَ شَاخِصَةٌ  
أَبْصَارُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۖ يَوِيلُنَا قَدْ كُنَّا فِي  
غَفْلَةٍ مِّنْ هَذَا بَلْ كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٩٦﴾ إِنَّكُمْ وَمَا  
تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ حَصْبُ جَهَنَّمَ ۖ أَنْتُمْ لَهَا  
وُرْدُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾ لَوْ كَانَ هَؤُلَاءِ إِلَهَةً مَا وَرَدُوهَا ۖ

وَكُلٌّ فِيهَا

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*Prophet Jesus and His Mother*

91. And "remember" the one who guarded her chastity, so We breathed into her through Our angel, 'Gabriel',<sup>633</sup> making her and her son a sign for all peoples.

*One Way*

92. "O prophets!" Indeed, this religion of yours is "only" one, and I am your Lord, so worship Me "alone". 93. Yet the people have divided it into sects. But to Us they will all return. 94. So whoever does good and is a believer will never be denied "the reward for" their striving, for We are recording it all.

*The People of Hell*

95. It is impossible for a society which We have destroyed to ever rise again, 96. until "after" Gog and Magog have broken loose "from the barrier", swarming down from every hill,<sup>634</sup> 97. ushering in the True Promise.<sup>635</sup> Then—behold!—the disbelievers will stare "in horror, crying," "Oh, woe to us! We have truly been heedless of this. In fact, we have been wrongdoers." 98. Certainly you "disbelievers" and whatever you worship instead of Allah will be the fuel of Hell.<sup>636</sup> You are "all" bound to enter it. 99. Had those idols been "true" gods, they would not have entered it.

633 Gabriel breathed into the sleeves of Mary's garment so she conceived Jesus.

634 See 18:93-99.

635 i.e., the Final Hour.

636 See footnote for 43:57-58.

And they will be there forever. 100. In it they will groan, and will not be able to hear.

#### The People of Paradise

101. Surely those for whom We have destined the finest reward will be kept far away from Hell, 102. not even hearing the slightest hissing from it. And they will delight forever in what their souls desire. 103. The Supreme Horror 'of that Day' will not disturb them, and the angels will greet them, 'saying,' "This is your Day, which you have been promised." 104. On that Day We will roll up the heavens like a scroll of writings. Just as We produced the first creation, 'so' shall We reproduce it. That is a promise binding on Us. We truly uphold 'Our promises'! 105. Surely, following the 'heavenly' Record, We decreed in the Scriptures: "My righteous servants shall inherit the land."<sup>637</sup>

#### Advice for the Prophet

106. Surely this 'Quran' is sufficient 'as a reminder' for those devoted to worship. 107. We have sent you 'O Prophet' only as a mercy for the whole world. 108. Say, "What has been revealed to me is this: 'Your God is only One God.' Will you then submit?"

وَكُلٌّ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾ لَهُمْ فِيهَا زَفِيرٌ وَهُمْ فِيهَا لَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿١٠٠﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ سَبَقَتْ لَهُمْ مِنَّا الْحُسْنَىٰ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ عَنْهَا مُبْعَدُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ حَسِيسَهَا ۖ وَهُمْ فِي مَا اشْتَهَتْ أَنفُسُهُمْ خَالِدُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾ لَا يَحْزَنُهُمُ الْفَزَعُ الْأَكْبَرُ وَتَتَلَقَّاهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ ۖ هَٰذَا يَوْمُكُمْ الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾ يَوْمَ نَطْوِي السَّمَاءَ كَطَيِّ السِّجِلِ لِلْكِتَابِ ۖ كَمَا بَدَأْنَا أَوَّلَ خَلْقٍ نُعِيدُهُ ۖ وَعَدًا عَلَيْنَا ۖ إِنَّا كُنَّا فَاعِلِينَ ﴿١٠٤﴾ وَلَقَدْ كَتَبْنَا فِي الزَّبُورِ مِن بَعْدِ الذِّكْرِ أَنَّ الْأَرْضَ يَرِثُهَا عِبَادِيَ الصَّالِحُونَ ﴿١٠٥﴾ إِنَّ فِي هَٰذَا لَبَلَاغًا لِّقَوْمٍ عٰبِدِينَ ﴿١٠٦﴾ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٧﴾ قُلْ إِنَّمَا يُؤْتِي إِلَىٰ أَنبَاءِ إِلٰهُكُمْ إِلَٰهٌ وَاحِدٌ ۖ فَهَلْ أَنتُم مُّسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٨﴾

637 This refers to Psalm 37:29: "The righteous shall inherit the land." See footnote for 39:47.

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ اٰذَنْتُكُمْ عَلَىٰ سَوَآءٍ ۖ وَإِنْ  
 اَدْرَيْتِ اَقْرَبُ اَمْ بَعِيْدُ ۚ مَا تُوعِدُوْنَ ۝۱٠٩ اِنَّهٗ  
 يَعْلَمُ الْجَهْرَ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تَكْتُمُوْنَ ۝۱١٠  
 وَإِنْ اَدْرَيْتِ لَعَلَّهٗ فِتْنَةٌ لَّكُمْ وَمَتَاعٌ اِلَىٰ  
 حِيْنٍ ۝۱١١ قُلْ رَبِّ اَحْكُمْ بِالْحَقِّ ۚ وَرَبُّنَا الرَّحْمٰنُ  
 الْمُسْتَعٰنُ عَلَىٰ مَا تَصِفُوْنَ ۝۱١٢

اٰیٰتُهَا ٤٨ ﴿٢٢﴾ سُوْرَةُ الْحَجِّ مَكَانٌ يَّبْرَأُ (١٠٣) زُكُوْمَاتُهَا ١٠  
 بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ  
 يٰۤاَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمۡ ۚ اِنَّ زَلٰزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ  
 شَيْءٌ عَظِيْمٌ ۝۱ يَوْمَ تَرَوُنَّهَا تُذٰهَلُ كُلُّ مُرْضِعَةٍ  
 عَمَّا اَرْضَعَتْ وَتَضَعُ كُلُّ ذَاتِ حَمْلٍ حَمْلَهَا  
 وَتَرٰى النَّاسَ سُكْرٰى وَّمَا هُمْ بِسُكْرٰى وَلٰكِنَّ  
 عَذَابَ اللّٰهِ شَدِيْدٌ ۝۲ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُجَادِلُ

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109. If they turn away, then say, "I have warned you all equally. I do not know if what you are threatened with is near or far. 110. Allah surely knows what you say openly and whatever you hide. 111. I do not know if this 'delay' is possibly a test for you and an enjoyment for a while." 112. 'In the end,' the Prophet said, "My Lord! Judge 'between us' in truth. And our Lord is the Most Compassionate, Whose help is sought against what you claim."<sup>638</sup>

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## 22. The Pilgrimage (Al-Hajj)

In the Name of Allah—  
 the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### The Horror of Judgment Day

1. O humanity! Fear your Lord, for the 'violent' quaking at the Hour is surely a dreadful thing.
2. The Day you see it, every nursing mother will abandon what she is nursing, and every pregnant woman will deliver her burden 'prematurely'. And you will see people 'as if they were' drunk, though they will not be drunk; but the torment of Allah is 'terribly' severe.

### Denying Allah's Might

3. 'Still' there are some who dispute about Allah without knowledge,

and follow every rebellious devil. 4. It has been decreed for such devils that whoever takes them as a guide will be misguided and led by them into the torment of the Blaze.

#### Allah's Power to Create

5. O humanity! If you are in doubt about the Resurrection, then 'know that' We did create you<sup>639</sup> from dust, then from a sperm-drop,<sup>640</sup> then 'developed you into' a clinging clot 'of blood',<sup>641</sup> then a lump of flesh<sup>642</sup>—fully formed or unformed<sup>643</sup>—in order to demonstrate 'Our power' to you. 'Then' We settle whatever 'embryo' We will in the womb for an appointed term, then bring you forth as infants, so that you may reach your prime. Some of you 'may' die 'young', while others are left to reach the most feeble stage of life so that they may know nothing after having known much. And you see the earth lifeless, but as soon as We send down rain upon it, it begins to stir 'to life' and swell, producing every type of pleasant plant. 6. That is because Allah 'alone' is the Truth, He 'alone' gives life to the dead,

فِي اللَّهِ يَغْيِرْ عِلْمٍ وَيَتَّبِعْ كُلَّ شَيْطَانٍ مَرِيدٍ ۝  
كُتِبَ عَلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ مَنْ تَوَلَّاهُ فَإِنَّهُ يُضِلُّهُ وَ  
يَهْدِيهِ إِلَى عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ ۝ يَأَيُّهَا النَّاسُ  
إِن كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّنَ الْبَعْثِ فَإِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ  
مِّن نُّطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِّن نُّطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِّن عِلْقَةٍ ثُمَّ مِّن  
مُّضْغَةٍ مُّخَلَّقَةٍ وَغَيْرِ مُخَلَّقَةٍ لِّنُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ ۖ  
وَنُقَرِّرُ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ مَا نَشَاءُ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى  
ثُمَّ نُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلًا ثُمَّ لَتَبَلُغُوا أَشَدَّكُمْ ۚ  
وَمِنْكُمْ مَّن يُّتَوَفَّىٰ وَمِنْكُمْ مَّن يُّرَدُّ إِلَىٰ  
أَرْذَلِ الْعُمُرِ لِكَيْلَا يَعْلَمَ مَن بَعْدَ عِلْمٍ شَيْئًا ۖ  
وَتَرَى الْأَرْضَ هَامِدَةً فَإِذَا أَنزَلْنَا عَلَيْهَا  
الْمَاءَ اهْتَزَّتْ وَرَبَتْ وَأَنْبَتَتْ مِن كُلِّ زَوْجٍ  
بَهِيحٍ ۝ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّهُ يُحْيِي

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639 Your father, Adam.

640 *Nutjah* refers to the union of male and female gametes (sperm and egg) which results in the zygote after fertilization.

641 '*Alaqah*, meaning the embryo resembles a leech.

642 *Mudghah*, meaning it resembles a chewed morsel.

643 Fully formed or defected. evolving into a healthy embryo or ending in miscarriage.

الْمَوْتَىٰ وَآتَهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝ وَآَنَّ السَّاعَةَ  
 آتِيَةٌ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا ۚ وَآَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ فِي  
 الْقُبُورِ ۝ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ  
 بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَلَا هُدًى وَلَا كِتَابٍ مُّنِيرٍ ۝ ثَانِي  
 عَظْفِهِ لِيُضِلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۚ لَهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا  
 خِزْيٌ وَنَذِيقُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ عَذَابُ الْحَرِيقِ ۝  
 ذَلِكَ بِمَا قَدَّمْتَ يَدَكَ ۚ وَآَنَّ اللَّهَ لَيْسَ بِظَلَّامٍ  
 لِّلْعَبِيدِ ۝ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ  
 حَرْفٍ ۚ فَإِنْ أَصَابَهُ خَيْرٌ اطْمَأَنَّ بِهِ ۚ وَإِنْ  
 أَصَابَتْهُ فِتْنَةٌ انْقَلَبَ عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ خَسِرَ الدُّنْيَا  
 وَآلْآخِرَةَ ۚ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ ۝ يَدْعُوا  
 مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَضُرُّهُ وَمَا لَا نُنْفَعُهُ ۚ ذَلِكَ  
 هُوَ الضَّلَالُ الْبَعِيدُ ۝ يَدْعُوا لِمَنْ ضُرُّهُ أَقْرَبُ

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and He 'alone' is Most Capable of everything. 7. And certainly the Hour is coming, there is no doubt about it. And Allah will surely resurrect those in the graves.

#### *Punishment of the Wicked*

8. 'Still' there are some who dispute about Allah without knowledge, guidance, or an enlightening scripture, 9. turning away 'in pride' to lead 'others' astray from Allah's Way. They will suffer disgrace in this world, and on the Day of Judgment We will make them taste the torment of burning. 10. 'They will be told,' "This is 'the reward' for what your hands have done. And Allah is never unjust to 'His' creation."

#### *Half-Hearted Worship*

11. And there are some who worship Allah on the verge 'of faith': if they are blessed with something good, they are content with it; but if they are afflicted with a trial, they relapse 'into disbelief',<sup>644</sup> losing this world and the Hereafter. That is 'truly' the clearest loss. 12. They call besides Allah what can neither harm nor benefit them. That is 'truly' the farthest one can stray. 13. They invoke those whose worship leads to harm, not benefit.

What an evil patron and what an evil associate!

#### Reward of True Believers

14. Indeed, Allah will admit those who believe and do good into Gardens, under which rivers flow. Surely Allah does what He wills.

#### A Challenge to the Cynics

15. Whoever thinks that Allah will not help His Prophet in this world and the Hereafter, let them stretch out a rope to the ceiling and strangle themselves, then let them see if this plan will do away with 'the cause of' their rage.<sup>645</sup>

#### The Sole Guide and Judge

16. And so We revealed this 'Quran' as clear verses. And Allah certainly guides whoever He wills. 17. Indeed, the believers, Jews, Sabians,<sup>646</sup> Christians, Magi,<sup>647</sup> and the polytheists—Allah will judge between them 'all' on Judgment Day. Surely Allah is a Witness over all things.

#### Submission to the Almighty

18. Do you not see that to Allah bow down 'in submission'<sup>648</sup> all those in the heavens and all those on the earth, as well as the sun, the moon, the stars, the mountains, the trees, and 'all' living beings,

مَنْ نَفَعَهُ ٥ لِبَيْسِ الْمَوْلَىٰ وَلِبَيْسِ الْعَشِيرِ ۝ اِنَّ  
 اللّٰهَ يَدْخُلُ الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا وَعَمِلُوا الصّٰلِحٰتِ جَنَّٰتٍ  
 تَجْرِىٰ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْاَنْهٰرُ ۝ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَفْعَلُ مَا  
 يُرِيْدُ ۝ مَنْ كَانَ يَظُنُّ اَنْ لَّنْ يَنْصُرَهُ اللّٰهُ فِي  
 الدُّنْيَا وَالْاٰخِرَةِ فَلْيَمْدُدْ بِسَبَبٍ اِلَى السَّمَآءِ ثُمَّ  
 لْيَقْطَعْ فَلْيَنْظُرْ هَلْ يُذٰهَبْنَ كَيْدُهُٗ مَا يَغِيْظُ ۝  
 وَكَذٰلِكَ اَنْزَلْنٰهُ اٰیٰتٍ بَيِّنٰتٍ ۝ وَاَنَّ اللّٰهَ يَهْدِى  
 مَنْ يُّرِيْدُ ۝ اِنَّ الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا وَالَّذِيْنَ هَادُوْا  
 وَالصّٰبِغِيْنَ وَالتّٰصٰرِيْ وَالْمَجُوسَ وَالَّذِيْنَ اٰشْرَكُوْا ۝  
 اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَفْصِلُ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيٰمَةِ ۝ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ عَلٰى  
 كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ۝ اَلَمْ تَرَ اَنَّ اللّٰهَ يَسْجُدُ  
 لَهٗ مَنْ فِى السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَنْ فِى الْاَرْضِ وَالشَّمْسُ  
 وَالْقَمَرُ وَالنُّجُوْمُ وَالْجِبَالُ وَالشَّجَرُ وَالدّٰوَابُّ

645 Meaning, no matter what the deniers do, Allah will never stop supporting His Prophet (ﷺ).

646 See footnote for 2:62.

647 Magi (singular: magus): Zoroastrians; fire-worshippers.

648 lit., prostrate. Meaning, all beings submit to His Will.



وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنَ النَّاسِ ۖ وَكَثِيرٌ حَقَّ عَلَيْهِ الْعَذَابُ ۚ  
 وَمَن يَرِثِ اللّٰهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِن مَّكْرَمٍ ۗ إِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَفْعَلُ  
 مَا يَشَاءُ ۝١٨ هٰذِينَ خَصَمِينَ اِخْتَصِمَا فِي رَبِّهِمَا ۚ  
 فَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا قُطِعَتْ لَهُمْ رِيشَابٌ مِّن تَابٍ ۚ  
 يُصَبُّ مِنْ فَوْقِ رُءُوسِهِمُ الْحَمِيمُ ۝١٩ يُصْهَرُ  
 بِهٖ مَا فِي بُطُونِهِمْ ۚ وَالْجُلُودُ ۝٢٠ وَلَهُمْ مَّقَامِعُ  
 مِّنْ حَدِيدٍ ۝٢١ كُلَّمَا ارَادُوْا اَنْ يَّخْرُجُوْا مِنْهَا مِنْ  
 غَمٍّ اُعِيْدُوْا فِيْهَا ۚ وَذُوقُوا عَذَابَ الْحَرِيقِ ۝٢٢  
 اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَدْخُلُ الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا وَعَمِلُوا الصّٰلِحٰتِ  
 جَنَّٰتٍ تَجْرِيْ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْاَنْهَارُ يُحَلَّوْنَ فِيْهَا  
 مِنْ اَسَاوِرَ مِّنْ ذَّهَبٍ ۚ وَلُؤْلُؤًا ۚ وَلِبَاسُهُمْ فِيْهَا  
 حَرِيْرٌ ۝٢٣ وَهَدُّوْا اِلَى الطَّيِّبِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ ۚ وَهَدُّوْا  
 اِلَى صِرَاطٍ الْحَمِيْدِ ۝٢٤ اِنَّ الَّذِيْنَ كَفَرُوْا

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as well as many humans, while many are deserving of punishment. And whoever Allah disgraces, none can honour. Surely Allah does what He wills.

#### *The Believers and Disbelievers*

19. These are two opposing groups that disagree about their Lord: as for the disbelievers, garments of Fire will be cut out for them and boiling water will be poured over their heads, 20. melting whatever is in their bellies, along with their skin. 21. And awaiting them are maces of iron. 22. Whenever they try to escape from Hell—out of anguish—they will be forced back into it, “and will be told,” “Taste the torment of burning!” 23. “But” Allah will surely admit those who believe and do good into Gardens, under which rivers flow, where they will be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their clothing will be silk, 24. for they have been guided to the best of speech, and they have been guided to the Commendable Path.<sup>649</sup>

#### *Violating the Sacred Mosque<sup>650</sup>*

25. Indeed, those who persist in disbelief and hinder “others”

649 Another possible translation: “... and they have been guided to the Path of the Praiseworthy ‘Allah’.”

650 This was revealed after the pagans of Mecca had refused to let the Prophet (ﷺ) and his companions proceed to the Sacred Mosque to perform the minor pilgrimage (‘umrah), although they came all the way from Medina. Eventually, an agreement was made, stipulating that the Muslims return to Medina and come back the following year for ‘umrah.

from the Way of Allah and from the Sacred Mosque<sup>651</sup>—which We have appointed for all people, residents and visitors alike—along with whoever intends to deviate by doing wrong in it,<sup>652</sup> We will cause them to taste a painful punishment.

### The Pilgrimage

26. And 'remember' when We assigned to Abraham the site of the House, 'saying,' "Do not associate anything with Me 'in worship' and purify My House for those who circle 'the Ka'bah', stand 'in prayer', and bow and prostrate themselves.

27. Call 'all' people to the pilgrimage.<sup>653</sup> They will come to you on foot and on every lean camel from every distant path, 28. so they may obtain the benefits 'in store' for them,<sup>654</sup> and pronounce the Name of Allah on appointed days over the sacrificial animals He has provided for them. So eat from their meat and feed the desperately poor. 29. Then let them groom themselves,<sup>655</sup> fulfil their vows, and circle the Ancient House.

### Total Devotion to Allah

30. That is so. And whoever honours

وَيَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ  
الَّذِي جَعَلْنَاهُ لِلنَّاسِ سَوَاءً ۖ إِلْعَافُ فِيهِ  
وَالْبَادِ ۖ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ فِيهِ بِإِلْحَادٍ بِظُلْمٍ نُذِقْهُ  
مِنْ عَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ۖ وَإِذْ بَوَّأْنَا لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ مَكَانَ  
الْبَيْتِ أَنْ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِي شَيْئًا وَطَهِّرْ بَيْتِيَ  
لِلطَّائِفِينَ ۖ وَالْقَائِمِينَ ۖ وَالرُّكَّعِ السُّجُودِ ۖ  
وَإِذْنَ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا وَعَلَى  
كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ ۖ  
لِيَشْهَدُوا مَنَافِعَ لَهُمْ وَيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ فِي  
أَيَّامٍ مَّعْلُومَاتٍ عَلَىٰ مَا رَزَقَهُمْ مِنْ بَهِيمَةِ  
الْأَنْعَامِ فَكُلُوا مِنْهَا وَأَطِيعُوا أَمْرَ الْفَقِيرِ ۖ  
ثُمَّ لِيَقْضُوا تَفَثَهُمْ وَلِيُوفُوا نُدُورَهُمْ وَلِيَطَّوَّفُوا  
بِالْبَيْتِ الْعَتِيقِ ۖ ذَٰلِكَ ۖ وَمَنْ يُعْظَمْ حُرْمَتِ

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651 The Sacred Mosque is in Mecca.

652 Generally, intending to do wrong does not necessitate a punishment, unless the person acts upon it. But the Sacred Mosque is unique in that intending to sin in it is sufficient to bring punishment from Allah, unless the person repents.

653 According to Ibn Kathîr, Abraham (ؑ) said to Allah, "But my voice cannot reach all peoples." Allah responded, "You make the call, and We will deliver the invitation to all."

654 Spiritual benefits such as prayers, pilgrimage, and forgiveness of sins, as well as worldly benefits such as meeting Muslims from everywhere and trading.

655 Shaving their hair, clipping nails, and taking a shower.

اللَّهُ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ ۖ وَ أُحِلَّتْ لَكُمُ  
 الْأَنْعَامُ إِلَّا مَا يُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْكُمْ فَاجْتَنِبُوا الرِّجْسَ  
 مِنَ الْأَوْثَانِ وَاجْتَنِبُوا قَوْلَ الزُّورِ ۖ حُفَاءٌ  
 بِاللَّهِ غَيْرَ مُشْرِكِينَ بِهِ ۚ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ  
 فَكَأَنَّمَا خَرَّ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ فَتَخْطَفُهُ الطَّيْرُ أَوْ  
 تَهْوِي بِهِ الرِّيحُ فِي مَكَانٍ سَحِيقٍ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ  
 وَمَنْ يُعَظِّمْ شَعَائِرَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّهَا مِنْ تَقْوَى الْقُلُوبِ ۚ  
 لَكُمْ فِيهَا مَنَافِعُ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ثُمَّ مَحِلُّهَا  
 إِلَى الْبَيْتِ الْعَتِيقِ ۚ وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ جَعَلْنَا مَنْسَكًا  
 لِّيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ مَا رَزَقَهُمْ مِنْ بَهِيمَةِ  
 الْأَنْعَامِ ۚ فَالْهَكُمُ إِلَهُ ۚ وَاحِدٌ فَلَهُ أَسْلِمُوا ۚ  
 وَبَشِّرِ الْمُخْبِتِينَ ۚ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ  
 وَجِلَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَالصَّابِرِينَ عَلَىٰ مَا أَصَابَهُمْ

the rituals of Allah, it is best for them in the sight of their Lord. The 'meat of' cattle has been made lawful for you, except what has 'already' been recited to you.<sup>656</sup> So shun the impurity of idolatry, and shun words of falsehood. 31. Be upright 'in devotion' to Allah, associating none with Him 'in worship'. For whoever associates 'others' with Allah is like someone who has fallen from the sky and is either snatched away by birds or swept by the wind to a remote place. 32. That is so. And whoever honours the symbols of Allah, it is certainly out of the piety of the heart. 33. You may benefit from sacrificial animals for an appointed term,<sup>657</sup> then their place of sacrifice is at the Ancient House.

#### Good News for the Humble

34. For every community We appointed a rite of sacrifice so that they may pronounce the Name of Allah over the sacrificial animals He has provided for them. For your God is only One God, so submit yourselves to Him 'alone'. And give good news 'O Prophet' to the humble: 35. those whose hearts tremble at the remembrance of Allah, who patiently endure whatever may befall them,

656 See 5:3.

657 Milking or riding them until the time for sacrifice.

and who establish prayer and donate from what We have provided for them.

#### Purpose of Sacrificial Animals

36. We have made sacrificial camels 'and cattle' among the symbols of Allah, in which there is 'much' good for you. So pronounce the Name of Allah over them when they are lined up 'for sacrifice'. Once they have fallen 'lifeless' on their sides, you may eat from their meat, and feed the needy—those who do not beg, and those who do. In this way We have subjected these 'animals' to you so that you may be grateful. 37. Neither their meat nor blood reaches Allah. Rather, it is your piety that reaches Him. This is how He has subjected them to you so that you may proclaim the greatness of Allah for what He has guided you to, and give good news to the good-doers.

#### Permission to Fight in Self-Defence

38. Indeed, Allah defends those who believe. Surely Allah does not like whoever is deceitful, ungrateful. 39. Permission 'to fight back' is 'hereby' granted to those being fought, for they have been wronged.<sup>658</sup> And Allah is truly Most Capable of helping them 'prevail'. 40. 'They are' those who have been expelled from their homes for no reason other than proclaiming:

وَالْمُقِيمِي الصَّلَاةِ ۖ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾  
وَالْبَدَنَ جَعَلْنَاهَا لَكُمْ مِّنْ شَعَائِرِ اللَّهِ لَكُمْ فِيهَا خَيْرٌ ۖ فَاذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهَا صَوَافٍ ۚ  
فَإِذَا وَجَبَتْ جُنُوبُهَا فَكُلُوا مِنْهَا وَأَطْعَمُوا  
الْقَانِعَ وَالْمُعْتَرَّ ۚ كَذَلِكَ سَخَّرْنَاهَا لَكُمْ  
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ لَنْ يَنَالَ اللَّهُ لُحُومُهَا  
وَلَا دِمَآؤُهَا وَلَكِنْ يَنَالُهُ التَّقْوَىٰ مِنْكُمْ ۚ  
كَذَلِكَ سَخَّرَهَا لَكُمْ لِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا  
هَدَاكُمْ ۚ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدْفِعُ  
عَنِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ خَوَّانٍ  
كَفُورٍ ﴿٣٩﴾ أُوذِنَ لِلَّذِينَ يُقْتَلُونَ بِأَنَّهُمْ ظَلَمُوا ۚ  
وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ نَصْرِهِمْ لَقَدِيرٌ ﴿٤٠﴾ الَّذِينَ  
أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَقُولُوا

رَبَّنَا اللَّهُ

مَنْزِلَ ٢

<sup>658</sup> For over thirteen years, Muslims had not been allowed to fight back against the brutality of the Meccan pagans, leading to the emigration of the Prophet and many of his companions to Medina. As the hostilities continued, this verse was later revealed allowing Muslims to fight back in self-defence.

رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ۖ وَلَوْلَا دَفْعُ اللَّهِ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُمْ  
 بِبَعْضٍ لَّهَدَمَتْ صَوَامِعُ وَبِيَعٌ وَصَلَوَاتُ  
 وَمَسَاجِدُ يُذَكَّرُ فِيهَا اسْمُ اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا ۖ  
 وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ  
 عَزِيزٌ ﴿٣٠﴾ الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
 أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا  
 بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَاقِبُهُ  
 الْأُمُورِ ﴿٣١﴾ وَإِنْ يَكْذِبُوكَ فَقَدْ كَذَّبَتْ  
 قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَعَادٌ وَشُعُودٌ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَقَوْمُ  
 إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَقَوْمُ لُوطٍ ۖ وَأَصْحَابُ مَدْيَنَ وَكَذَّبَ  
 مُوسَىٰ فَأَمَلَيْتُ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ثُمَّ أَخَذْتَهُمْ ۚ  
 فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ ﴿٣٣﴾ فَكَأَيِّنْ مِنْ قَرْيَةٍ  
 أَهْلَكْنَاهَا وَهِيَ ظَالِمَةٌ فَهِيَ خَاوِيَةٌ عَلَىٰ

"Our Lord is Allah." Had Allah not repelled "the aggression of" some people by means of others, destruction would have surely claimed monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques in which Allah's Name is often mentioned. Allah will certainly help those who stand up for Him. Allah is truly All-Powerful, Almighty. 41. "They are" those who, if established in the land by Us, would perform prayer, pay alms-tax, encourage what is good, and forbid what is evil. And with Allah rests the outcome of all affairs.

#### Warning to Meccan Pagans

42. If they deny you 'O Prophet', so did the people of Noah before them, as well as 'the tribes of' 'Âd and Thamûd, 43. the people of Abraham, the people of Lot, 44. and the residents of Midian. And Moses was denied 'too'. But I delayed 'the fate of' the disbelievers 'until their appointed time' then seized them. And how severe was My response! 45. Many are the societies We have destroyed for persisting in wrongdoing,

leaving them in total ruin. "Many are" also the abandoned wells and lofty palaces! 46. Have they not travelled throughout the land so their hearts may reason, and their ears may listen? Indeed, it is not the eyes that are blind, but it is the hearts in the chests that grow blind. 47. They challenge you "O Prophet" to hasten the torment. And Allah will never fail in His promise. But a day with your Lord is indeed like a thousand years by your counting. 48. Many are the societies whose end We delayed while they did wrong, then seized them. And to Me is the final return.

#### The Prophet's Duty

49. Say, "O Prophet," "O humanity! I am only sent to you with a clear warning. 50. So those who believe and do good will have forgiveness and an honourable provision. 51. But those who strive to discredit Our revelations, they will be the residents of the Hellfire."

#### Satan's Influence

52. Whenever We sent a messenger

عُرُوشَهَا وَبِئْرٍ مَّعْطَلَةٍ وَقَصْرِ مَّشِيدٍ ﴿٤٦﴾  
 أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَتَكُونُ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ  
 يَّعْقِلُونَ بِهَا أَوْ آذَانٌ يَّسْمَعُونَ بِهَا فَإِنَّهَا لَا  
 تَعْمَى الْأَبْصَارُ وَلَكِنْ تَعْمَى الْقُلُوبُ الَّتِي  
 فِي الصُّدُورِ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَيَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ  
 وَلَنْ يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ وَإِنَّ يَوْمًا عِنْدَ  
 رَبِّكَ كَأَلْفِ سَنَةٍ مِّمَّا تَعُدُّونَ ﴿٤٨﴾ وَكَأَيِّنْ  
 مِنْ قَرْيَةٍ أَمَلَيْتُ لَهَا وَهِيَ ظَالِمَةٌ ثُمَّ  
 أَخَذْتُهَا ۖ وَإِلَى الْمَصِيرِ ﴿٤٩﴾ قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا  
 النَّاسُ إِنَّمَا أَنَا لَكُمْ نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٥٠﴾ فَالَّذِينَ  
 آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ  
 كَرِيمٌ ﴿٥١﴾ وَالَّذِينَ سَعَوْا فِي آيَاتِنَا مُعْجِزِينَ  
 أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿٥٢﴾ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ

قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ وَلَا نَبِيٍّ إِلَّا إِذَا تَمَنَّى أَلْقَى  
الشَّيْطَانُ فِي أُمْنِيَّتِهِ ۖ فَيَنْسَخُ اللَّهُ مَا يُلْقِي  
الشَّيْطَانُ ثُمَّ يُحْكُمُ اللَّهُ أَلَيْسَ بِهِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ  
حَكِيمٌ ﴿٥٣﴾ لِيَجْعَلَ مَا يُلْقِي الشَّيْطَانُ فِتْنَةً  
لِّلَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ وَالْقَاسِيَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ ۚ  
وَإِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ لَفِي شِقَاقٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَلِيَعْلَمَ  
الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ  
فَيُؤْمِنُوا بِهِ فَتُخْبِتَ لَهُ قُلُوبُهُمْ ۚ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ  
لَهَادِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٥٥﴾  
وَلَا يَزَالُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي مَرِيَةٍ مِّنْهُ  
حَتَّى تَأْتِيَهُمُ السَّاعَةُ بَغْةً أَوْ يُاتِيَهُمْ عَذَابٌ  
يَوْمٍ عَقِيمٍ ﴿٥٦﴾ أَلَمْ لِكُ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلَّهِ ۚ يَحْكُمُ  
بَيْنَهُمْ ۚ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فِي

or a prophet before you 'O Prophet' and he recited 'Our revelations', Satan would influence 'people's understanding of' his recitation. But 'eventually' Allah would eliminate Satan's influence. Then Allah would 'firmly' establish His revelations. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. 53. All that so He may make Satan's influence a trial for those 'hypocrites' whose hearts are sick and those 'disbelievers' whose hearts are hardened. Surely the wrongdoers are totally engrossed in opposition. 54. 'This is' also so that those gifted with knowledge would know that this 'revelation' is the truth from your Lord, so they have faith in it, and so their hearts would submit humbly to it. And Allah surely guides the believers to the Straight Path. 55. Yet the disbelievers will persist in doubt about this 'revelation' until the Hour takes them by surprise, or the torment of a terminating<sup>659</sup> Day comes to them.

#### Justice on Judgment Day

56. All authority on that Day is for Allah 'alone'.<sup>660</sup> He will judge between them.

659 The Day "of Judgment" is described as 'aqīm (lit., barren) because it will terminate all forms of life on earth and no new day will be born.

660 Allah grants authority to some of His servants in this world, but none will have authority on Judgment Day except Him. See 3:26.

So those who believe and do good will be in the Gardens of Bliss. 57. But those who disbelieve and deny Our revelations, it is they who will suffer a humiliating punishment. 58. As for those who emigrate in the cause of Allah and then are martyred or die, Allah will indeed grant them a good provision. Surely Allah is the Best Provider. 59. He will certainly admit them into a place they will be pleased with. For Allah is truly All-Knowing, Most Forbearing.

#### Divine Justice

60. That is so. And whoever retaliates in equivalence to the injury they have received, and then are wronged 'again', Allah will certainly help them. Surely Allah is Ever-Pardoning, All-Forgiving.

#### Allah's Power

61. That is because Allah causes the night to merge into the day, and the day into the night. Indeed, Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing. 62. That is because Allah 'alone' is the Truth and what they invoke besides Him is falsehood, and Allah 'alone' is truly the Most High, All-Great. 63. Do you not see that Allah sends down rain from the sky, then the earth becomes green?

بَحَّتِ النَّعِيمُ ﴿٥٦﴾ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا  
فَأُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَالَّذِينَ  
هَاجَرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ قُتِلُوا أَوْ مَاتُوا  
لَيَرْزُقَنَّهُمُ اللَّهُ رِزْقًا حَسَنًا ۚ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُوَ  
خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾ لِيَدْخُلَنَّهُمْ مَدْخَلًا يُرْضَوْنَهُ ۚ  
وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَلِيمٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٩﴾ ذَلِكَ ۚ وَمَنْ  
عَاقَبَ بِمِثْلِ مَا عُوِّقَ بِهِ ثُمَّ بُغِيَ عَلَيْهِ  
لَيَنْصُرَنَّهُ اللَّهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَفُوفٌ غَفُورٌ ﴿٦٠﴾ ذَلِكَ  
بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يُوَلِّجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُوَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ  
فِي اللَّيْلِ ۚ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٦١﴾ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ  
اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ ۚ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ  
الْبَاطِلُ ۚ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٦٢﴾ أَلَمْ  
تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَتُصْبِحُ

الْأَرْضُ

مَنْزِلٌ ۚ



الْأَرْضُ مُخْضَرَّةٌ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَطِيفٌ خَبِيرٌ ۖ لَهُ مَا  
 فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُوَ  
 الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ۖ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَا  
 فِي الْأَرْضِ وَالْفُلْكَ تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِأَمْرِهِ ۖ  
 وَيُؤَمِّسُ السَّمَاءَ أَنْ تَقَعَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا  
 بِإِذْنِهِ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِالنَّاسِ لَرَّءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ۖ  
 وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَحْيَاكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيكُمْ ۖ  
 إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَكَفُورٌ ۖ لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ جَعَلْنَا  
 مَنْسَكًا هُمْ نَاسِكُوهُ فَلَا يُنَازِعُكَ فِي الْأَمْرِ  
 وَادْعُ إِلَى رَبِّكَ ۖ إِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ هُدًى مُسْتَقِيمٍ ۖ  
 وَإِنْ جَدَلُوكَ فَقُلِ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ۖ  
 اللَّهُ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۖ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ  
 تَخْتَلِفُونَ ۖ أَلَمْ تَعْلَمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي

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Surely Allah is Most Subtle, All-Aware. 64. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Allah 'alone' is truly the Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.

#### Allah's Grace

65. Do you not see that Allah has subjected to you<sup>661</sup> whatever is in the earth as well as the ships 'that' sail through the sea by His command? He keeps the sky from falling down on the earth except by His permission. Surely Allah is Ever Gracious and Most Merciful to humanity. 66. And He is the One Who gave you life, then will cause you to die, and then will bring you back to life. 'But' surely humankind is ever ungrateful.

#### One Message, Different Laws

67. For every community We appointed a code<sup>662</sup> of life to follow.<sup>663</sup> So do not let them dispute with you 'O Prophet' in this matter. And invite 'all' to your Lord, for you are truly on the Right Guidance. 68. But if they argue with you, then say, "Allah knows best what you do." 69. Allah will judge between you 'all' on Judgment Day regarding your differences. 70. Do you not know that Allah 'fully' knows whatever is in the heavens and the earth?

661 For your service.

662 All prophets came with the same message: have faith in one God and do good. But each faith-community had their own law.

663 The Muslim code of life is called *Sharia*, which means a "path." For more information, see the Introduction.

Surely it is all 'written' in a Record.  
That is certainly easy for Allah.

### *Almighty Allah or False Allahs?*

71. Yet they worship besides Allah that for which He has sent down no authority, and of which they have no knowledge. The wrongdoers will have no helper. 72. Whenever Our clear revelations are recited to them, you 'O Prophet' recognize rage on the faces of the disbelievers, as if they are going to snap at those who recite Our revelations to them. Say, "Shall I inform you of something far more enraging than that? 'It is' the Fire with which Allah has threatened those who disbelieve. What an evil destination!"

### *The Fly Challenge*

73. O humanity! A lesson is set forth, so listen to it 'carefully': those 'idols' you invoke besides Allah can never create 'so much as' a fly, even if they 'all' were to come together for that. And if a fly were to snatch anything away from them, they cannot 'even' retrieve it from the fly. How powerless are those who invoke and those invoked!<sup>664</sup> 74. They have not shown

السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ فِي كِتَابٍ ۖ إِنَّ  
ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ۖ وَيَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ  
اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُنَزَّلْ بِهِ سُلْطَانًا وَمَا لَيْسَ لَهُمْ  
بِهِ عِلْمٌ ۖ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ نَصِيرٍ ۖ وَإِذَا تُتْلَى  
عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ تَعْرِفُ فِي وُجُوهِ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا الْمُنْكَرَ ۖ يَكَادُونَ يَسْطُونَ بِالَّذِينَ  
يَتْلُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا ۖ قُلْ أَفَأَنْتُمْ كُمْ بِشَرٍّ  
مِّنْ ذَلِكُمُ النَّارُ ۖ وَعَدَهَا اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۖ  
وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ۖ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ ضَرْبَ مَثَلٍ  
فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ ۖ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ  
اللَّهِ لَنْ يَخْلُقُوا ذُبَابًا وَلَوْ اجْتَمَعُوا لَهُ ۖ  
وَإِنْ يَسْلُبْهُمُ الذُّبَابُ شَيْئًا لَا يَسْتَنْقِذُوهُ  
مِنْهُ ۖ ضَعُفَ الطَّالِبُ وَالْمَطْلُوبُ ۖ مَا قَدَرُوا

664 Another possible translation: "How weak are the seekers (i.e., the idols) and the sought (i.e., the fly)!"

اللَّهُ حَقٌّ قَدَرُهُ ٥ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ٥ اللَّهُ  
 يَصْطَفِي مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ رُسُلًا وَمِنَ النَّاسِ ٥  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ٥ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ  
 وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ٥ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ ٥  
 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ارْكَعُوا وَاسْجُدُوا وَاعْبُدُوا  
 رَبَّكُمْ وَافْعَلُوا الْخَيْرَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ٥ وَجَاهِدُوا  
 فِي اللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ ٥ هُوَ اجْتَبَاكُمْ وَمَا جَعَلَ  
 عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ مِنْ حَرَجٍ ٥ مِلَّةَ أَبِيكُمْ  
 إِبْرَاهِيمَ ٥ هُوَ سَمَّاكُمُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ٥ مِنْ قَبْلُ  
 وَفِي هَذَا لِيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ شَهِيدًا عَلَيْكُمْ  
 وَتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ ٥ فَأَقِيمُوا  
 الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِاللَّهِ هُوَ  
 مَوْلَاكُمْ ٥ فَنِعْمَ الْمَوْلَى وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ ٥

Allah the reverence He deserves. Surely Allah is All-Powerful, Almighty.

#### Divine Choice

75. Allah selects messengers from both angels and people, for Allah is truly All-Hearing, All-Seeing. 76. He knows what is ahead of them and what is behind them. And to Allah 'all' matters will be returned 'for judgment'.

#### Advice to the Believers

77. O believers! Bow down, prostrate yourselves, worship your Lord, and do 'what is' good so that you may be successful. 78. Strive for 'the cause of' Allah in the way He deserves, for 'it is' He 'Who' has chosen you, and laid upon you no hardship in the religion—the way of your forefather Abraham. 'It is Allah' Who named you 'the ones who submit'<sup>665</sup> 'in the' earlier 'Scriptures' and in this 'Quran', so that the Messenger may be a witness over you, and that you may be witnesses over humanity. So establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and hold fast to Allah. He 'alone' is your Guardian. What an excellent Guardian, and what an excellent Helper!



السُّجُودُ عِنْدَ الْإِمَامِ الشَّافِعِيِّ رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى ١٣

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In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### The True Believers

1. Successful indeed are the believers: 2. those who humble themselves in prayer; 3. those who avoid idle talk; 4. those who pay alms-tax;<sup>666</sup> 5. those who guard their chastity<sup>667</sup> 6. except with their wives or those 'bondwomen' in their possession,<sup>668</sup> for then they are free from blame, 7. but whoever seeks beyond that are the transgressors; 8. 'the believers are also' those who are true to their trusts and covenants; 9. and those who are 'properly' observant of their prayers. 10. These are the ones who will be awarded 11. Paradise as their own.<sup>669</sup> They will be there forever.

### The Creation of Humans

12. And indeed, We created humankind<sup>670</sup> from an extract of clay, 13. then placed each 'human' as a sperm-drop<sup>671</sup> in a secure place, 14. then We developed the drop into a clinging clot 'of blood',

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ

وَقَدْ أَفْلَحَ

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ ١٨

سُورَةُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٢٣) رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٦

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ١ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي صَلَاتِهِمْ

خَشِعُونَ ٢ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنِ اللَّغْوِ مُعْرِضُونَ ٣

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلزَّكَاةِ فَاعِلُونَ ٤ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِفُرُوجِهِمْ

حَافِظُونَ ٥ إِلَّا عَلَىٰ أَزْوَاجِهِمْ أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُمْ

فَإِنَّهُمْ غَيْرُ مَلُومِينَ ٦ فَمَنِ ابْتَغَىٰ وَرَاءَ ذَلِكَ

فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْعَدُونَ ٧ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمْتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ

رِعُونَ ٨ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَلَىٰ صَلَاتِهِمْ يُحَافِظُونَ ٩

أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْوَارِثُونَ ١٠ الَّذِينَ يَرِثُونَ الْفِرْدَوْسَ ١١

هُم فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ١٢ وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ

سُلَالَةٍ مِّن طِينٍ ١٣ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاهُ نُطْفَةً فِي قَرَارٍ

مَّكِينٍ ١٤ ثُمَّ خَلَقْنَا النُّطْفَةَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقْنَا

الْعَلَقَةَ

مَثَلٌ ٣

666 *Zakāh* means purification and growth. Paying alms-tax and charity are forms of purifying one's wealth.

667 lit., private parts.

668 See footnote for 4:3.

669 *Al-Firdaws*, the highest place in Paradise.

670 Adam (ﷺ).

671 See footnote for 22:5.

الْعَلَقَةَ مَضْغَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْمَضْغَةَ عِظًا فَكَسَوْنَا الْعِظَ  
 لَحْمًا ثُمَّ أَنشَأْنَاهُ خَلْقًا آخَرَ ۖ فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ  
 الْخَالِقِينَ ۝ ١٣ ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ لَمَيِّتُونَ ۝ ١٤ ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ  
 يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ تُبْعَثُونَ ۝ ١٥ وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا فَوْقَكُمْ سَبْعَ طَرَائِفَ  
 وَمَا كُنَّا عَنِ الْخَلْقِ غَافِلِينَ ۝ ١٦ وَأَنزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً  
 بِقَدَرٍ فَأَسْكَنَتْهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَ إِنَّا عَلَىٰ ذَهَابٍ بِهِ  
 لَقَادِرُونَ ۝ ١٧ فَأَنشَأْنَا لَكُمْ بِهِ جَنَّتٍ مِّن تَحْتِهَا  
 أَعْنَابٌ ۖ لَكُمْ فِيهَا فَوَاكِهُ كَثِيرَةٌ وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ ۝ ١٨  
 وَ شَجَرَةً تَخْرُجُ مِنْ طُورٍ سَيْنَاءَ تَنبُتُ بِالذَّهْنِ وَصَبِغٍ  
 لِللَّازِكِينَ ۝ ١٩ وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ فِي الْأَنْعَامِ لَعِبْرَةً ۖ نُسْقِيكُمْ مِمَّا  
 فِي بُطُونِهَا وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَنَافِعُ كَثِيرَةٌ وَمِنْهَا  
 تَأْكُلُونَ ۝ ٢٠ وَعَلَيْهَا وَعَلَى الْفُلْكِ تُحْمَلُونَ ۝ ٢١ وَلَقَدْ  
 أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَقَالَ يٰقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا

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then developed the clot into a lump 'of flesh', then developed the lump into bones, then clothed the bones with flesh, then We brought it into being as a new creation.<sup>672</sup> So Blessed is Allah, the Best of Creators. 15. After that you will surely die, 16. then on the Day of Judgment you will be resurrected.

#### Allah's Power

17. And indeed, We created above you seven levels 'of heaven'. We are never unmindful of 'Our' creation. 18. We send down rain from the sky in perfect measure, causing it to soak into the earth. And We are surely able to take it away. 19. With it We produce for you gardens of palm trees and grapevines, in which there are abundant fruits, and from which you may eat, 20. as well as 'olive' trees which grow at Mount Sinai, providing oil and a condiment to eat. 21. And there is certainly a lesson for you in cattle, from whose bellies We give you 'milk' to drink, and in them are many other benefits for you, and from them you may eat. 22. And you are carried upon 'some of' them and upon ships.

#### Prophet Noah

23. Indeed, We sent Noah to his people. He declared, "O my people! Worship Allah 'alone'.

You have no God other than Him. Will you not then fear 'Him'?" 24. But the disbelieving chiefs of his people said 'to the masses', "This is only a human like you, who wants to be superior to you. Had Allah willed, He could have easily sent down angels 'instead'. We have never heard of this in 'the history of' our forefathers. 25. He is simply insane, so bear with him for a while."<sup>673</sup>

### The Flood

26. Noah prayed, "My Lord! Help me, because they have denied 'me'." 27. So We inspired him: "Build the Ark under Our 'watchful' Eyes and directions. Then when Our command comes and the oven bursts 'with water',<sup>674</sup> take on board a pair from every species along with your family—except those against whom the decree 'to drown' has already been passed. And do not plead with Me for those who have done wrong, for they will surely be drowned." 28. Then when you and those with you have settled in the Ark, say, "All praise is for Allah, Who saved us from the wrongdoing people." 29. And pray, "My Lord! Allow me a blessed landing, for You are the best accommodator." 30. Surely in this are lessons.<sup>675</sup>

لَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ غَيْرُهُ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾ فَقَالَ الْمَأْمُورُونَ  
كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ مَا هَذَا إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُكُمْ لَا يُرِيدُ  
أَنْ يَتَفَضَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَأَنْزَلَ مَلَائِكَةً مِّنَ  
سَمْعِنَا بِهِذَا فِي آبَائِنَا الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا رَجُلٌ  
بِهِ جَنَّةٌ فَتَرَبَّصُوا بِهِ حَتَّى حِينٍ ﴿٢٤﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ انصُرْنِي  
بِمَا كَذَّبُونِ ﴿٢٥﴾ فَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْهِ أَنْ اصْنَعْ الْفُلَ بِأَعْيُنِنَا  
وَوَحَيْنَا فَإِذَا جَاءَ أَمْرُنَا وَفَارَ التَّنُّورُ فَاسْلُكْ فِيهَا  
مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجَيْنِ اثْنَيْنِ وَأَهْلَكَ إِلَّا مَن سَبَقَ  
عَلَيْهِ الْقَوْلُ مِنْهُمْ ۖ وَلَا تُخَاطِبُنِي فِي الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا  
إِنَّهُمْ مُّغْرَقُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ فَإِذَا اسْتَوَيْتَ أَنْتَ وَمَنْ مَّعَكَ  
عَلَى الْفُلِ فَقُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي نَجَّيْنَاكَ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ  
الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَقُلْ رَبِّ انْزِلْنِي مُنْزَلًا مُّبَارَكًا وَأَنْتَ  
خَيْرُ الْمُنْزِلِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ وَإِنْ كُنَّا

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673 So he may recover from his "madness" or die.

674 Noah was given a signal that once the water gushes out of a particular oven then the Flood is about to begin. It can also be translated as: "The fountains of the earth gushed forth."

675 lit.. signs.

And We 'always' put 'people' to the test.

*Prophet Hūd<sup>676</sup>*

31. Then We raised another generation after them, 32. and sent to them a messenger from among themselves, 'declaring,' "Worship Allah 'alone'. You have no god other than Him. Will you not then fear 'Him'?" 33. But the chiefs of his people—who disbelieved, denied the meeting 'with Allah' in the Hereafter, and were spoiled by the worldly luxuries We had provided for them—said 'to the masses', "This is only a human like you. He eats what you eat, and drinks what you drink. 34. And if you 'ever' obey a human like yourselves, then you would certainly be losers. 35. Does he promise you that once you are dead and reduced to dust and bones, you will be brought forth 'alive'?" 36. Impossible, simply impossible is what you are promised! 37. There is nothing beyond our worldly life. We die, others are born, and none will be resurrected. 38. He is no more than a man who has fabricated a lie about Allah, and we will never believe in him."

*The Blast*

39. The messenger prayed, "My Lord! Help me, because they have denied 'me'." 40. Allah responded, "Soon they will be truly regretful." 41. Then the 'mighty' blast overtook them with justice,

لَبِّتْلَيْنِ ۝ ثُمَّ أَنشَأْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ قَرْنًا آخَرِينَ ۝

فَأَرْسَلْنَا فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِنْهُمْ أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ

مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ ۖ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ۝ وَقَالَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْ قَوْمِهِ

الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِإِيقَاءِ الْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَاتَّرفَهُمْ فِي

الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ۖ مَا هَذَا إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُكُمْ ۖ يَأْكُلُ مِمَّا

تَأْكُلُونَ مِنْهُ وَيَشْرَبُ مِمَّا تَشْرَبُونَ ۝ وَلَئِنْ

أَطَعْتُمْ بَشَرًا مِثْلَكُمْ ۖ إِنَّكُمْ إِذَا لَخَسِرُونَ ۝ أَيْعِدُكُمْ

أَنْتُمْ إِذَا مِتُّمْ وَكُنْتُمْ تُرَابًا وَعِظَامًا أَنْتُمْ مُخْرَجُونَ ۝

هِيَ هَاتِ هَيْهَاتَ لِمَا تُوعَدُونَ ۝ إِنَّ هِيَ إِلَّا حَيَاتُنَا

الدُّنْيَا نَمُوتُ وَنَحْيَا وَمَا نَحْنُ بِبَعُوثِينَ ۝ إِنَّ هُوَ

إِلَّا رَجُلٌ ۖ اِفْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا وَمَا نَحْنُ لَهُ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝

قَالَ رَبِّ انصُرْنِي بِمَا كَذَّبُونَ ۝ قَالَ عَمَّا قَلِيلٍ

لَيُصِيبُكَ نَذِيرٌ ۝ فَآخَذْتَهُمُ الصَّيْحَةُ بِالْحَقِّ ۖ فَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ

and We reduced them to rubble. So away with the wrongdoing people!

#### More Prophets

42. Then We raised other generations after them. 43. No people can advance their doom, nor can they delay it. 44. Then We sent Our messengers in succession: whenever a messenger came to his people, they denied him. So We destroyed them, one after the other, reducing them to 'cautionary' tales. So away with the people who refuse to believe!

#### Prophet Moses and Prophet Aaron

45. Then We sent Moses and his brother Aaron with Our signs<sup>677</sup> and compelling proof 46. to Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they behaved arrogantly and were a tyrannical people. 47. They argued, "Will we believe in two humans, like ourselves, whose people are slaves to us?" 48. So they rejected them both, and "so" were among those destroyed. 49. And We certainly gave Moses the Scripture, so perhaps his people would be 'rightly' guided.

#### Prophet Jesus and His Mother

50. And We made the son of Mary and his mother a sign, and gave them refuge on high ground—a 'suitable' place for rest with flowing water.

#### One Way

51. O messengers! Eat from what is good and lawful, and act righteously. Indeed, I fully know what you do.

عُثَاءً ۖ فَبَعْدَ اللَّقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ۝ ثُمَّ أَنْشَأْنَا مِنْ  
بَعْدِهِمْ قُرُونًا آخَرِينَ ۝ مَا تَسْبِقُ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ أَجَلَهَا  
وَمَا يَسْتَأْخِرُونَ ۝ ثُمَّ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلَنَا تَتْرَاءً كُلَّمَا  
جَاءَ أُمَّةٌ رَّسُولُهَا كَذَّبُوهُ فَاتَّبَعْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ بَعْضًا  
وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ أَحَادِيثَ ۖ فَبَعْدَ اللَّقَوْمِ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝ ثُمَّ  
أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ وَأَخَاهُ هَارُونَ ۖ بِآيَاتِنَا وَسُلْطَانٍ  
مُبِينٍ ۝ إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِ ۖ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا  
عَالِينَ ۝ فَقَالُوا أَنُؤْمِنُ لِبَشَرَيْنِ مِثْلِنَا وَقَوْمُهُمَا  
لَنَا عِيدُونَ ۝ فَكَذَّبُوهُمَا فَكَانُوا مِنَ الْهَالِكِينَ ۝  
وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَهْتَدُونَ ۝  
وَجَعَلْنَا ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ وَأُمَّةً آيَةً ۖ وَأَوَيْنَهُمَا إِلَىٰ رُبُوعٍ  
ذَاتِ قَرَارٍ وَمَعِينٍ ۝ لِأَيُّهَا الرُّسُلُ كُلُّوَا مِنَ  
الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَاعْمَلُوا صَالِحًا ۖ إِنِّي بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ عَلِيمٌ ۝

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<sup>677</sup> The nine signs are: the staff, the hand (both mentioned in 20:17-22), famine, shortage of crops, floods, locusts, lice, frogs, and blood (all mentioned in 7:130-133).



وَأَنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاتَّقُونِ ﴿٥٢﴾

فَتَقَطَّعُوا أَمْرَهُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ زُبُرًا كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ

فَرِحُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ فَذَرَهُمْ فِي عُتْرَتِهِمْ حَتَّىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٥٤﴾ أَيْحَسِبُونَ

أَنَّا نُنْزِلُهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ مَّالٍ وَبَنِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾ نُسَارِعُ لَهُمْ فِي

الْخَيْرَاتِ ط بَلْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ مِنْ خَشْيَةِ

رَبِّهِمْ مُشْفِقُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ يَوْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِرَبِّهِمْ لَا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾ وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْتُونَ مَا

آتَوْا وَقُلُوبُهُمْ وَجَلَةٌ أَنَّهُمْ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾

أُولَٰئِكَ يُسْرِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَهُمْ لَهَا سَابِقُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

وَلَا نُكَلِّفُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا وَلَدَيْنَا كِتَابٌ يَنْطِقُ

بِالْحَقِّ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾ بَلْ قُلُوبُهُمْ فِي عُتْرَةٍ مِّنْ

هَذَا وَلَهُمْ أَعْمَالٌ مِّنْ دُونِ ذَلِكَ هُمْ لَهَا عَامِلُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَخَذْنَا مُتْرَفِيَهُم بِالْعَذَابِ إِذَا هُمْ يَجْعَرُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾

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52. Surely this religion of yours is 'only' one, and I am your Lord, so fear Me 'alone'. 53. Yet the people have divided it into different sects, each rejoicing in what they have. 54. So leave them 'O Prophet' in their heedlessness for a while. 55. Do they think, since We provide them with wealth and children, 56. that We hasten to 'honour' them 'with' all kinds of good? No! They are not aware.

#### The True Believers

57. Surely those who tremble in awe of their Lord, 58. and who believe in the revelations of their Lord, 59. and who associate none with their Lord, 60. and who do whatever 'good' they do with their hearts fearful, 'knowing' that they will return to their Lord<sup>678</sup>— 61. it is they who race to do good deeds, always taking the lead. 62. We never require of any soul more than what it can afford. And with Us is a record which speaks the truth. None will be wronged.

#### The Disbelievers

63. But the hearts of those 'who disbelieve' are oblivious to 'all of' this,<sup>679</sup> and they have other 'evil' deeds, opposite to this, in which they are engrossed. 64. But as soon as We seize their elite with torment, they start to cry for help.

678 It is reported in an authentic narration collected by At-Tirmizî that 'Āishah, the Prophet's wife, asked him (ﷺ) if this verse refers to those who steal or drink 'alcohol'. The Prophet (ﷺ) answered, "No, it refers to those who pray, fast, and donate, but are afraid that their deeds are rejected because they are not good enough." Then he (ﷺ) recited the last part of the verse: "It is they who race to do good deeds, always taking the lead."

679 This refers to the believers' good deeds mentioned in 23:57-62.

65. 'They will be told,' 'Do not cry for help today. Surely you will never be saved from Us. 66. Indeed, My revelations were recited to you, but you used to back away 'in disgust', 67. boasting of the Sacred House, and babbling 'non-sense about the Quran' by night.'

#### Why the Denial?

68. Is it because they have never contemplated the Word 'of Allah'? Or 'because' there has come to them something that did not come to their forefathers? 69. Or 'because' they failed to recognize their Messenger, and so they denied him? 70. Or 'because' they say, "He is insane?" In fact, he has come to them with the truth, but most of them are resentful of the truth. 71. Had the truth followed their desires,<sup>680</sup> the heavens, the earth, and all those in them would have certainly been corrupted. In fact, We have brought them 'the means to' their glory, but they turn away from it. 72. Or 'is it because' you 'O Prophet' are asking them for tribute? But the reward of your Lord is best, for He is the Best Provider. 73. And surely you are calling them to the Straight Path, 74. but those who disbelieve in the Hereafter are certainly deviating from that Path.

#### Those Persisting in Denial

75. 'Even' if We had mercy on them and removed their affliction,<sup>681</sup> they would still persist in their transgression,

لَا تَجْرُوا الْيَوْمَ إِنَّكُمْ مِنَّا لَا تَتَصَرُّونَ ﴿١٥﴾ قَدْ كَانَتْ  
آيَاتِي تَتْلَىٰ عَلَيْكُمْ فَكُنْتُمْ عَلَىٰ أَعْقَابِكُمْ تَنْكِصُونَ ﴿١٦﴾  
مُسْتَكْبِرِينَ ۖ بِهِ سِيرًا تَهْجُرُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ أَفَلَمْ يَذَّبُرُوا  
الْقَوْلَ أَمْ جَاءَهُمْ مَا لَمْ يَأْتِ آبَاءَهُمُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿١٨﴾  
أَمْ لَمْ يَعْرِفُوا رَسُولَهُمْ فَهُمْ لَهُ مُنْكَرُونَ ﴿١٩﴾ أَمْ  
يَقُولُونَ بِهِ جِنَّةٌ ۚ بَلْ جَاءَهُم بِالْحَقِّ وَكَثُرَهُمْ  
لِلْحَقِّ كِرْهُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَلَوْ اتَّبَعَ الْحَقُّ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ لَفَسَدَتِ  
السَّمُوتُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ ۚ بَلْ أَتَيْنَهُمْ بِذِكْرِهِمْ  
فَهُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِهِمْ مُعْرِضُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ أَمْ تَسْأَلُهُمْ خَرْجًا  
فَخَرَجَ رَبُّكَ خَيْرٌ ۚ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾ وَإِنَّكَ  
لَتَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ  
لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ عَنِ الصِّرَاطِ لَنُكَيِّبُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَلَوْ  
رَحِمْنَاهُمْ وَكَشَفْنَا مَا بِهِمْ مِنْ ضُرٍّ لَلَجُّوا فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ

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680 Their desire that the universe has more than one God. See 21:22.

681 This refers to famine which affected the oases of Mecca.

يَعْمَهُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ وَلَقَدْ أَخَذْنَاهُمْ بِالْعَذَابِ فَمَا اسْتَكَانُوا  
لِرَبِّهِمْ وَمَا يَتَضَرَّعُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَابًا ذَا  
عَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ إِذَا هُمْ فِيهِ مُبْلِسُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي  
أَنْشَأَكُمْ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ ۖ قَلِيلًا  
مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي ذَرَأَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
وَإِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَلَهُ  
اخْتِلَافُ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ ۚ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾ بَلْ قَالُوا  
مِثْلَ مَا قَالَ الْأَوَّلُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ قَالُوا إِذَا مِتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا  
وَعِظَامًا إِنَّا لَمَبْعُوثُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾ لَقَدْ وَعَدْنَا نَحْنُ وَآبَاؤُنَا  
هَذَا مِنْ قَبْلُ إِن هَذَا إِلَّا آسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٦٣﴾ قُلْ  
لِمَنِ الْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهَا إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْمُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾ سَيَقُولُونَ  
لِلَّهِ قُلْ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾ قُلْ مَنْ رَبُّ السَّمُوتِ السَّبْعِ  
وَرَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٦٦﴾ سَيَقُولُونَ لِلَّهِ قُلْ أَفَلَا

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wandering blindly. 76. And We have already seized them with torment, but they never humbled themselves to their Lord, nor did they 'submissively' appeal 'to Him'. 77. But as soon as We open for them a gate of severe punishment, they will be utterly desperate.

#### Ingratitude to the Almighty

78. He is the One Who created for you hearing, sight, and intellect. 'Yet' you hardly give any thanks. 79. And He is the One Who has dispersed you 'all' over the earth, and to Him you will 'all' be gathered. 80. And He is the One Who gives life and causes death, and to Him belongs the alternation of the day and night. Will you not then understand? 81. But they 'just' say what their predecessors said. 82. They said, "Once we are dead and reduced to dust and bones, will we really be resurrected? 83. We have already been promised this, as well as our forefathers earlier. This is nothing but ancient fables!"

#### Almighty Allah

84. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "To whom belong the earth and all those on it, if you 'really' know?" 85. They will reply, "To Allah!" Say, "Why are you not then mindful?" 86. 'And' ask 'them', "Who is the Lord of the seven heavens and the Lord of the Mighty Throne?" 87. They will reply, "Allah."

Say, "Will you not then fear 'Him'?" 88. Ask 'them also,' "In Whose Hands is the authority over all things, protecting 'all' while none can protect against Him, if you 'really' know?" 89. They will reply, "Allah." Say, "How are you then so deluded?" 90. In fact, We have brought them the truth, and they are certainly liars.

#### One True Allah

91. Allah has never had 'any' offspring, nor is there any god besides Him. Otherwise, each god would have taken away what he created, and they would have tried to dominate one another. Glorified is Allah above what they claim! 92. 'He is the' Knower of the seen and unseen. Exalted is He above what they associate 'with Him'.

#### Advice to the Prophet

93. Say, 'O Prophet,' "My Lord! Should You show me what they<sup>682</sup> are threatened with, 94. then, my Lord, do not count me among the wrongdoing people." 95. We are indeed able to show you what We have threatened them with. 96. Respond to evil with what is best. We know well what they claim.<sup>683</sup> 97. And say, "My Lord! I seek refuge in You from the temptations of the devils. 98. And I seek refuge in You, my Lord, that they 'even' come near me."

تَتَّقُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾ قُلْ مَنْ بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ يُجِيرُ  
وَلَا يُجَارُ عَلَيْهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾ سَيَقُولُونَ اللَّهُ  
قُلْ فَأَنَّى تُسْحَرُونَ ﴿٨٦﴾ بَلْ أَتَيْنَهُم بِالْحَقِّ وَهُمْ  
لَكَذِبُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾ مَا اتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ مِنْ وَلَدٍ وَمَا كَانَ مَعَهُ  
مِنْ إِلَهِ إِذَا لَذَهَبَ كُلُّ إِلَهِ بِمَا خَلَقَ وَلَعَلَّ بَعْضُهُمْ  
عَلَى بَعْضٍ سُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُصِفُونَ ﴿٩١﴾ عَلِيمُ الْغَيْبِ  
وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَتَعَالَى عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٩٢﴾ قُلْ رَبِّ إِنَّمَا تَرِيَنِي  
مَآيُوعِدُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾ رَبِّ فَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي فِي الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾  
وَإِنَّا عَلَىٰ أَنْ نُرِيكَ مَا نَعِدُهُمْ لَقَادِرُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾ ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي  
هِيَ أَحْسَنُ السَّيِّئَةِ ۖ نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَصِفُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾  
وَقُلْ رَبِّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ هَزْبِ الشَّيْطَانِ ﴿٩٧﴾ وَأَعُوذُ  
بِكَ رَبِّ أَنْ يُخْضِرُونِ ﴿٩٨﴾ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ أَحَدَهُمُ الْمَوْتُ  
قَالَ رَبِّ ارْجِعُونِ ﴿٩٩﴾ لَعَلِّي أَعْمَلُ صَالِحًا فِيمَا تَرَكْتُ

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#### Too Late for the Wicked

99. When death approaches any of them, they cry, "My Lord! Let me go back, 100. so I may do good in what I left behind.

682 The Meccan pagans.

683 Their claims that there are many gods, and that the Prophet is a liar, a poet, etc.

كَلَّا ۖ إِنَّهَا كَلِمَةٌ هُوَ قَائِلُهَا ۖ وَمِنْ وَرَائِهِم  
 بَرْزَخٌ إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾ فَإِذَا نُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ  
 فَلَا أَنْسَابَ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ وَلَا يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾ فَمَنْ  
 ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾ وَمَنْ  
 خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا  
 أَنْفُسَهُمْ فِي جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾ تَلْفَحُ وُجُوهُهُمْ  
 النَّارُ وَهُمْ فِيهَا كَالِحُونَ ﴿١٠٥﴾ أَلَمْ تَكُنْ أَلْتَمِمْ سِتْلَى  
 عَلَيْكُمْ فَكُنْتُمْ بِهَا تُكْدِبُونَ ﴿١٠٦﴾ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا غَلَبَتْ  
 عَلَيْنَا شِقْوَتُنَا وَكُنَّا قَوْمًا ضَالِّينَ ﴿١٠٧﴾ رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا  
 مِنْهَا فَإِنْ عُدْنَا فَإِنَّا ظَالِمُونَ ﴿١٠٨﴾ قَالَ اخْسَرُوا فِيهَا  
 وَلَا تُكَلِّمُونَ ﴿١٠٩﴾ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَرِيقٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِي  
 يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ  
 الرَّاحِمِينَ ﴿١١٠﴾ فَاتَّخَذَ سَمُوهُمْ سَخِرِيًّا حَتَّىٰ أَنْسَوْكُمُ

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” Never! It is only a ‘useless’ appeal they make. And there is a barrier behind them until the Day they are resurrected.<sup>684</sup>

### Judgment Day

101. Then, when the Trumpet will be blown,<sup>685</sup> there will be no kinship between them on that Day, nor will they ‘even care to’ ask about one another.<sup>686</sup>

### The Successful Ones

102. As for those whose scale is heavy ‘with good deeds’, it is they who will be successful.

### The Losers

103. But those whose scale is light, they will have doomed themselves, staying in Hell forever. 104. The Fire will burn their faces, leaving them deformed. 105. ‘It will be said,’ “Were My revelations not recited to you, but you used to deny them?” 106. They will cry, “Our Lord! Our ill-fate took hold of us, so we became a misguided people. 107. Our Lord! Take us out of this ‘Fire’. Then if we ever return ‘to denial’, we will truly be wrongdoers.” 108. Allah will respond, “Be despised in there! Do not ‘ever’ plead with Me ‘again’! 109. Indeed, there was a group of My servants who used to pray, ‘Our Lord! We have believed, so forgive us and have mercy on us, for You are the best of those who show mercy,’ 110. but you were ‘so

busy’ making fun of them that it made you forget My remembrance.

684 Meaning, once they are dead, they will never return to the world.

685 On the Day of Judgment, the Trumpet will be blown by an angel—causing all to die. When it is blown a second time, everyone will be raised from the dead for judgment (see 39:68).

686 Everyone will be busy with their own situation.

And you used to laugh at them. 111. Today I have indeed rewarded them for their perseverance: they are certainly the triumphant.”

#### *Fleeting World*

112. He will ask ‘them’, “How many years did you remain on earth?”

113. They will reply, “We remained ‘only’ a day or part of a day.”<sup>687</sup> But ask those who kept count.” 114. He will say, “You only remained for a little while, if only you knew. 115. Did you then think that We had created you without purpose, and that you would never be returned to Us?”

#### *One God Only*

116. Exalted is Allah, the True King! There is no god ‘worthy of worship’ except Him, the Lord of the Honourable Throne. 117. Whoever invokes, besides Allah, another god—for which they can have no proof—they will surely find their penalty with their Lord. Indeed, the disbelievers will never succeed.

#### *Advice to the Prophet*

118. Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “My Lord! Forgive and have mercy, for You are the best of those who show mercy.”



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السُّورَةُ ٢٣

ذِكْرِي وَكُنْتُمْ مِنْهُمْ تَضْحَكُونَ ﴿١١﴾ إِنِّي جَزَيْتُهُمُ الْيَوْمَ بِمَا صَبَرُوا ۚ إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ ﴿١٢﴾ قُلْ كَمْ لَبِثْتُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ عَدَدَ سِنِينَ ﴿١٣﴾ قَالُوا لَبِثْنَا يَوْمًا أَوْ بَعْضَ يَوْمٍ فَسْئَلُ الْعَادِّينَ ﴿١٤﴾ قُلْ إِنْ لَبِثْتُمْ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۚ لَوْ أَنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٥﴾ أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا وَأَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ فَتَعَالَى اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ ﴿١٧﴾ وَمَنْ يَدْعُ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ لَا بُرْهَانَ لَهُ بِهِ ۚ فَإِنَّمَا حِسَابُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ إِنَّهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ وَقُلْ رَبِّ اغْفِرْ وَارْحَمْ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّحِيمِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾

سُورَةُ الْأَنْزِلَانِهَا وَفَرَضْنَاهَا وَأَنْزَلْنَاهَا فِيهَا آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ

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### 24. The Light (An-Nûr)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### *The Introduction*

1. ‘This is’ a sūrah which We have revealed and made ‘its rulings’ obligatory, and revealed in it clear commandments

<sup>687</sup> Compared to the length and misery of their stay in the grave and Hell, their worldly life will seem very short to them.

لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ۝ الزَّانِيَةُ وَالزَّانِي فَاجْلِدُوا كُلَّ  
 وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا مِائَةَ جَلْدَةٍ ۖ وَلَا تَأْخُذْكُمْ بِهِمَا رَأْفَةٌ  
 فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ إِن كُنتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ۚ  
 وَلَيْشَهِدَ عَذَابُهُمَا طَائِفَةٌ مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝ الزَّانِي  
 لَا يَنْكِحُ إِلَّا زَانِيَةً أَوْ مُشْرِكَةً ۖ وَالزَّانِيَةُ لَا يَنْكِحُهَا  
 إِلَّا زَانٍ أَوْ مُشْرِكٌ ۚ وَحُرِّمَ ذَلِكَ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝  
 وَالَّذِينَ يُرْمُونَ الْمُحْصَنَاتِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَأْتُوا بِأَرْبَعَةِ  
 شَهَدَاءَ ۖ فَاجْلِدُوهُمْ ثَمَانِينَ جَلْدَةً ۖ وَلَا تَقْبَلُوا لَهُمْ  
 شَهَادَةً أَبَدًا ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ۝ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ  
 تَابُوا مِن بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ وَأَصْلَحُوا ۚ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ  
 رَّحِيمٌ ۝ وَالَّذِينَ يُرْمُونَ أَزْوَاجَهُمْ وَلَمْ يَكُن لَّهُمْ  
 شَهَدَاءُ إِلَّا أَنفُسُهُمْ فَشَهَادَةُ أَحَدِهِمْ أَرْبَعُ شَهَدَاتٍ  
 بِاللَّهِ ۖ إِنَّهُ لَمِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ۝ وَالْخَامِسَةُ أَنَّ لَعْنَتَ

اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ

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so that you may be mindful.

### *Punishment for Fornication*

2. As for female and male fornicators, give each of them one hundred lashes,<sup>688</sup> and do not let pity for them make you lenient in 'enforcing' the law of Allah, if you 'truly' believe in Allah and the Last Day. And let a number of believers witness their punishment.

### *Like for Like*

3. A male fornicator would only marry a female fornicator or idolatress. And a female fornicator would only be married to a fornicator or idolater. This is 'all' forbidden to the believers.<sup>689</sup>

### *Unsupported Accusations*

4. Those who accuse chaste women 'of adultery' and fail to produce four witnesses, give them eighty lashes 'each'. And do not ever accept any testimony from them—for they are indeed the rebellious— 5. except those who repent afterwards and mend their ways, then surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

### *Accusation to One's Wife*

6. And those who accuse their wives 'of adultery' but have no witness except themselves, the accuser must testify,<sup>690</sup> swearing four times by Allah that he is telling the truth, 7. and a fifth oath

688 The address here is to legal authorities. Adultery has to be proven either by confession or the testimony of four reliable witnesses.

689 It is reported in a *hadith* collected by At-Tirmizī that Marthad ibn Abi Marthad, a companion of the Prophet (ﷺ), asked if he could marry 'Anāq, a pagan prostitute he befriended in Mecca before he accepted Islam. So this verse was revealed. However, if someone committed a sin then later repented genuinely, they will be accepted by Allah and the rest of the believers.

690 In order to be spared the punishment for false accusation.

that Allah may condemn him if he is lying. 8. For her to be spared the punishment, she must swear four times by Allah that he is telling a lie, 9. and a fifth oath that Allah may be displeased with her if he is telling the truth.<sup>691</sup> 10. 'You would have suffered,' had it not been for Allah's grace and mercy upon you, and had Allah not been Accepting of Repentance, All-Wise.

*Those Who Slandered the Prophet's Wife<sup>692</sup>*

11. Indeed, those who came up with that 'outrageous' slander are a group of you. Do not think this is bad for you. Rather, it is good for you.<sup>693</sup> They will be punished, each according to their share of the sin. As for their mastermind,<sup>694</sup> he will suffer a tremendous punishment.

*How the Believers Should Have Reacted*

12. If only the believing men and women had thought well of one another, when you heard this 'rumour', and said, "This is clearly 'an outrageous' slander!" 13. Why did they not produce four witnesses? Now, since they have failed to produce witnesses, they are 'truly' liars in the sight of Allah. 14. Had it not been for Allah's grace and mercy upon you in this world and the Hereafter,

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اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ إِنْ كَانَ مِنَ الْكَذِبِينَ ۝ وَيَذَرُ أَغْنَاهَا  
الْعَذَابُ أَنْ تَشْهَدَ أَرْبَعَ شَهَدَاتٍ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّهُ لَمِنَ  
الْكَذِبِينَ ۝ وَالْخَامِسَةَ أَنَّ غَضَبَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهَا إِنْ  
كَانَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ۝ وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ  
وَرَحْمَتُهُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَّابٌ حَكِيمٌ ۝ إِنْ الَّذِينَ جَاءُوا  
بِالْإِفْكِ عُصْبَةٌ مِّنْكُمْ لَا تَحْسَبُوهُ شَرًّا لَّكُم بَلْ هُوَ  
خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مِّنْهُمْ مَا اكْتَسَبَ مِنَ الْإِثْمِ ۚ  
وَالَّذِي تَوَلَّى كِبْرَهُ مِنْهُمْ لَهُ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ۝ لَوْلَا  
إِذْ سَمِعْتُمُوهُ ظَنَّ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بِأَنفُسِهِمْ  
خَيْرًا ۖ وَقَالُوا هَذَا إِفْكٌ مُّبِينٌ ۝ لَوْلَا جَاءُوا  
عَلَيْهِ بِأَرْبَعَةِ شُهَدَاءَ ۚ فَإِذْ لَمْ يَأْتُوا بِالشُّهَدَاءِ  
فَأُولَٰئِكَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْكَذِبُونَ ۝ وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ  
عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ لَبَسَكُمُ فِي مَا

أَفْضَيْتُمْ

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691 This ruling is called *Il'an* in Islamic legal system. Once the husband and the wife swear each five times, as specified in 24:6-9, the marriage is terminated forever—which means that they can never be remarried.

692 This is referring to an incident where the Prophet's wife, 'Aishah, was accused of adultery. She was part of a caravan, and when she lost her necklace and went looking for it, the caravan moved on without her. She waited until a man named Şafwān ibn Al-Mu'attal found her and escorted her to the caravan. When they returned, the hypocrites began accusing her of adultery. The rumour spread, and 'Aishah defended her innocence, saying "If I told you now I had not done this, you would not believe me. And if I told you that I had done it, you would believe me. I now say what Jacob had once said. He said (12:18): 'I can only endure with' beautiful patience! It is Allah's help that I seek to bear your claims.'" Right after she said this, these verses were revealed to the Prophet (ﷺ), proclaiming her innocence.

693 Because now you can tell who is a true believer and who is a hypocrite.

694 This refers to 'Abdullāh ibn Ubai, the leader of the hypocrites in Medina.



أَفْضَتْكُمْ فِيهِ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ١٣ إِذْ تَلَقَّوْنَهُ بِالسِّنِّتِمْ وَ  
تَقُولُونَ بِأَفْوَاهِكُمْ مَا لَيْسَ لَكُمْ بِهِ عِلْمٌ وَتَحْسَبُونَهُ  
هَيْئًا ۖ وَهُوَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَظِيمٌ ١٤ وَلَوْلَا إِذْ سَمِعْتُمُوهُ  
قُلْتُمْ مَا يَكُونُ لَنَا أَنْ نَتَكَلَّمَ بِهَذَا ۖ سُبْحَنَكَ هَذَا  
بِهَتَانٍ عَظِيمٌ ١٥ يَعِظُكُمُ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَعُودُوا لِمِثْلِهِ أَبَدًا  
إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ١٦ وَيُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمُ الْآيَاتِ وَاللَّهُ  
عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ١٧ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ  
فِي الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ١٨ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ  
وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ١٩ وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ  
عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ٢٠ يَا أَيُّهَا  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۖ وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعْ  
خُطُوتِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْمُرُ بِالْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ  
وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ مَا زَكَا مِنْكُمْ مَن

↑ you would have certainly been touched with a tremendous punishment for what you plunged into— 15. when you passed it from one tongue to the other, and said with your mouths what you had no knowledge of, taking it lightly while it is 'extremely' serious in the sight of Allah. 16. If only you had said upon hearing it, "How can we speak about such a thing! Glory be to You 'O Lord'! This is a heinous slander!" 17. Allah forbids you from ever doing something like this again, if you are 'true' believers. 18. And Allah makes 'His' commandments clear to you, for Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### Warning to Slanderers

19. Indeed, those who love to see indecency spread among the believers will suffer a painful punishment in this life and the Hereafter. Allah knows and you do not know. 20. "You would have suffered," had it not been for Allah's grace and mercy upon you, and had Allah not been Ever Gracious, Most Merciful.

#### Warning Against Satan

21. O believers! Do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Whoever follows Satan's footsteps, then 'let them know that' he surely bids 'all to' immorality and wickedness. Had it not been for Allah's grace and mercy upon you, none of you would have ever been purified.

But Allah purifies whoever He wills. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

### Uninterrupted Kindness

22. Do not let the people of virtue and affluence among you swear to suspend donations to their relatives, the needy, and the emigrants in the cause of Allah. Let them pardon and forgive. Do you not love to be forgiven by Allah? And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.<sup>695</sup>

### Punishment of the Slanderers

23. Surely those who accuse chaste, unsuspecting,<sup>696</sup> believing women are cursed in this life and the Hereafter. And they will suffer a tremendous punishment 24. on the Day their tongues, hands, and feet will testify against them for what they used to do. 25. On that Day, Allah will give them their just penalty in full, and they will 'come to' know that Allah 'alone' is the Ultimate Truth.

### Birds of a Feather ...

26. Wicked women are for wicked men, and wicked men are for wicked women. And virtuous women are for virtuous men, and virtuous men are for virtuous women. The virtuous are innocent of what the wicked say. They will have forgiveness and an honourable provision.<sup>697</sup>

أَحَدٍ أَبَدًا ۚ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يُزَكِّي مَن يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ  
عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢١﴾ وَلَا يَأْتِلِ أُولُوا الْفَضْلِ مِنْكُمْ وَالسَّعَةِ أَن  
يُؤْتُوا أُولِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْمُهَاجِرِينَ فِي  
سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۗ وَلْيَعْفُوا وَلْيَصْفَحُوا ۗ أَلَا تُحِبُّونَ أَن يَغْفِرَ  
اللَّهُ لَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٢٢﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَرْمُونَ  
الْمُحْصَنَاتِ الْغُفْلَاتِ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ لَعُنُوا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ  
وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٢٣﴾ يَوْمَ تَشْهَدُ عَلَيْهِمْ أَلْسِنَتُهُمْ  
وَأَيْدِيهِمْ وَأَرْجُلُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ يَوْمَ  
يُؤْفِكُهُمُ اللَّهُ دِينَهُمُ الْحَقَّ وَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ  
الْحَقُّ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٢٥﴾ النَّخِيشُ لِلنَّخِيشِ وَالْحَيْثُونَ  
لِلنَّخِيشِ ۖ وَالطَّيِّبُ لِلطَّيِّبِ وَالطَّيِّبُونَ لِلطَّيِّبِ ۗ  
أُولَٰئِكَ مُبَرَّءُونَ مِمَّا يَقُولُونَ ۗ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ  
كَرِيمٌ ﴿٢٦﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَدْخُلُوا بُيُوتًا غَيْرَ

بُيُوتِكُمْ

مَنْزِلٍ

### Entering People's Homes

27. O believers! Do not enter any house other than your own until you have asked for permission and greeted its occupants.

695 This verse was revealed when Abu Bakr Aş-Şiddiq, 'Āishah's father, swore to end his financial assistance to his poor cousin, Mistaḥ ibn Athathah, for taking part in the rumours against 'Āishah. Once the verse was revealed, Abu Bakr resumed his assistance to Mistaḥ.

696 Immoral thoughts never cross the minds of these chaste women and, therefore, they never expect slander.

697 This passage declares the innocence of 'Āishah, the Prophet's wife.

بُيُوتِكُمْ حَتَّى تَسْتَأْذِنُوا وَتُسَلِّمُوا عَلَى أَهْلِهَا ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ  
 خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ فَإِنْ لَمْ تَجِدُوا فِيهَا  
 أَحَدًا فَلَا تَدْخُلُوهَا حَتَّى يُؤْذَنَ لَكُمْ ۚ وَإِنْ قِيلَ  
 لَكُمْ ارْجِعُوا فَارْجِعُوا هُوَ أَزْكَى لَكُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا  
 تَعْمَلُونَ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٩﴾ لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ تَدْخُلُوا  
 بُيُوتًا غَيْرَ مَسْكُونَةٍ فِيهَا مَتَاعٌ لَّكُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ  
 مَا تُبْدُونَ وَمَا تَكْتُمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوْا  
 مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا فُرُوجَهُمْ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ أَزْكَى  
 لَهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ وَقُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
 يَغْضُضْنَ مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِنَّ وَيَحْفَظْنَ فُرُوجَهُنَّ  
 وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَلَا يَضْرِبْنَ  
 بِخُمُرِهِنَّ عَلَى جُيُوبِهِنَّ ۚ وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ  
 إِلَّا لِبُعُولَتِهِنَّ أَوْ آبَائِهِنَّ أَوْ آبَاءِ بُعُولَتِهِنَّ أَوْ

This is best for you, so perhaps you will be mindful. 28. If you find no one at home, do not enter it until you have been given permission. And if you are asked to leave, then leave. That is purer for you. And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of what you do.

#### Entering Public Places

29. There is no blame on you if you enter public places<sup>698</sup> where there is something of benefit for you. And Allah knows what you reveal and what you conceal.

#### Advice to Muslim Men

30. 'O Prophet!' Tell the believing men to lower their gaze and guard their chastity. That is purer for them. Surely Allah is All-Aware of what they do.

#### Advice to Muslim Women

31. And tell the believing women to lower their gaze and guard their chastity, and not to reveal their adornments<sup>699</sup> except what normally appears.<sup>700</sup> Let them draw their veils over their chests, and not reveal their 'hidden' adornments<sup>701</sup> except to their husbands,

698 lit., non-residential buildings.

699 i.e., hair, body shape, and underclothes.

700 i.e., the face, hands, outer clothes, rings, Kohl, and henna.

701 i.e., hair, arms, and legs.

their fathers, their fathers-in-law, their sons, their stepsons, their brothers, their brothers' sons or sisters' sons, their fellow women, those "bondwomen" in their possession, male attendants with no desire, or children who are still unaware of women's nakedness. Let them not stomp their feet, drawing attention to their hidden adornments. Turn to Allah in repentance all together, O believers, so that you may be successful.

### Helping Singles to Marry

32. Marry off the 'free' singles among you, as well as the righteous of your bondmen and bondwomen. If they are poor, Allah will enrich them out of His bounty. For Allah is All-Bountiful, All-Knowing. 33. And let those who do not have the means to marry keep themselves chaste until Allah enriches them out of His bounty.

### Slaves Buying Their Freedom

And if any of those "bondspeople" in your possession desires a deed of emancipation, make it possible for them, if you find goodness in them. And give them some of Allah's wealth which He has granted you.

أَبْنَائِهِنَّ أَوْ أَبْنَاءَ بُعُولَتِهِنَّ أَوْ إِخْوَانِهِنَّ أَوْ بَنِي  
إِخْوَانِهِنَّ أَوْ بَنِي أَخَوَاتِهِنَّ أَوْ نِسَائِهِنَّ أَوْ مَا  
مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُنَّ أَوِ التَّيِّعِينَ غَيْرِ أُولِي الْإِرْبَةِ  
مِنَ الرِّجَالِ أَوِ الطِّفْلَ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُظْهَرُوا عَلَى عَوْرَتِ  
النِّسَاءِ وَلَا يَضْرِبْنَ بِأَرْجُلِهِنَّ لِيُعْلَمَ مَا يُخْفِينَ مِنْ  
زِينَتِهِنَّ ۖ وَتُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا أَيُّهُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ  
لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَأَنْكِحُوا الْأَيَّامَىٰ مِنْكُمْ وَالصَّالِحِينَ  
مِنْ عِبَادِكُمْ وَإِمَائِكُمْ ۖ إِنْ يَكُونُوا فُقَرَاءَ يُغْنِهِمُ  
اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَلْيَسْتَعْفِفِ  
الَّذِينَ لَا يَجِدُونَ نِكَاحًا حَتَّىٰ يُغْنِيَهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ  
فَضْلِهِ ۗ وَالَّذِينَ يَبْتَغُونَ الْكِتَابَ مِمَّا مَلَكَتْ  
أَيْمَانُكُمْ فَكَاتِبُوهُمْ إِنْ عَلِمْتُمْ فِيهِمْ خَيْرًا ۖ وَآتُوهُمْ  
مِّنْ مَّالِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي آتَاكُمْ ۗ وَلَا تَكْرِهُوا فَتِيَّتَكُمْ

عَلَى الْبِعَاءِ

مَرَل

عَلَى الْبِغَاءِ إِنْ أَرَدْنَ تَحَصُّنًا لِّتَبْتَغُوا عَرَضَ الْحَيَوةِ  
 الدُّنْيَا وَمَنْ يُكْرِهْمُنَّ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ مِنْ بَعْدِ إِكْرَاهِهِنَّ  
 غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ٢٣ وَلَقَدْ أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ آيَاتٍ مُبَيِّنَاتٍ  
 وَمَثَلًا لِّلَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَمَوْعِظَةً  
 لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ٢٤ اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ مِثْلُ  
 نُورِهِ كَمِشْكُوتٍ فِيهَا مِصْبَاحٌ ٢٥ الْمِصْبَاحُ فِي زُجَاجَةٍ  
 الزُّجَاجَةُ كَأَنَّهَا كَوْكَبٌ دُرِّيٌّ يُوقَدُ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ مُّبَارَكَةٍ  
 زَيْتُونَةٍ لَّا شَرْقِيَّةٍ وَلَا غَرْبِيَّةٍ لَّا يَكَادُ زَيْتُهَا يُضَيُّ وَلَوْ  
 لَمْ تَمْسَسْهُ نَارٌ ٢٦ نُّورٌ عَلَى نُورٍ يَهْدِي اللَّهُ لِنُورِهِ مَنْ  
 يَشَاءُ ٢٧ وَيَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَالَ لِلنَّاسِ ٢٨ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ  
 شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ٢٩ فِي بُيُوتٍ أُذِنَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ تَرْفَعَ وَيُذَكِّرَ  
 فِيهَا اسْمُهُ ٣٠ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ ٣١  
 رِجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِيهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَ

Forced Prostitution<sup>702</sup>

Do not force your 'slave' girls into prostitution for your own worldly gains while they wish to remain chaste. And if someone coerces them, then after such a coercion Allah is certainly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful 'to them'.

Examples and Lessons<sup>703</sup>

34. Indeed, We have sent down to you clear revelations, along with examples of those who had gone before you, and a lesson to the God-fearing.

## Parable for the Believer's Heart

35. Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. His light<sup>704</sup> is like a niche in which there is a lamp, the lamp is in a crystal, the crystal is like a shining star, lit from 'the oil of' a blessed olive tree, 'located' neither to the east nor the west,<sup>705</sup> whose oil would almost glow, even without being touched by fire. Light upon light! Allah guides whoever He wills to His light. And Allah sets forth parables for humanity. For Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things.

## True Believers

36. 'That light shines' through houses 'of worship' which Allah has ordered to be raised, and where His Name is mentioned. He is glorified there morning and evening 37. by men<sup>706</sup> who are not distracted—either by buying or selling—from Allah's

remembrance,

702 Some slave-masters used to force their slave-women into prostitution before Islam. In Islam, wilful prostitution is a sin, as is forcing others into prostitution. Victims of this crime are not held accountable.

703 Before 'Āishah, Mary and Prophet Joseph had each been falsely accused of fornication, but Almighty Allah declared their innocence.

704 This is a metaphor for the light of guidance in the heart of the believer.

705 Meaning, the olive tree is wholesome because it is located in a central place, so it is hit by sunrays all day-long, and, therefore, the oil is of a premium quality.

706 See footnote for 7:46.

or performing prayer, or paying alms-tax. They fear a Day when hearts and eyes will tremble, 38. "hoping" that Allah may reward them according to the best of their deeds, and increase them out of His grace. And Allah provides for whoever He wills without limit.

#### Parable for the Disbelievers

39. As for the disbelievers, their deeds are like a mirage in a desert, which the thirsty perceive as water, but when they approach it, they find it to be nothing. Instead, they find Allah there "in the Hereafter, ready" to settle their account. And Allah is swift in reckoning.

#### Another Parable

40. Or "their deeds are" like the darkness in a deep sea, covered by waves upon waves,<sup>707</sup> topped by "dark" clouds. Darkness upon darkness! If one stretches out their hand, they can hardly see it. And whoever Allah does not bless with light will have no light!

#### Submission to Allah

41. Do you not see that Allah is glorified by all those in the heavens and the earth, even the birds as they soar? Each "instinctively" knows their manner of prayer and glorification. And Allah has "perfect" knowledge of all they do. 42. To Allah "alone"

إِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ ۖ يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ  
فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ ۚ لِيَجْزِيَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنَ مَا  
عَمِلُوا وَيَزِيدَهُمْ مِّنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ  
يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ۝٣٩ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَعْمَالُهُمْ  
كَسَرَابٍ بِقِيعَةٍ يَحْسَبُهُ الظَّانُّ مَاءً ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَهُ  
لَمْ يَجِدْهُ شَيْئًا وَوَجَدَ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ فَوَفَّيَهُ حِسَابَهُ ۗ  
وَاللَّهُ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ۝٤٠ أَوْ كَظُلُمٍ فِي بَحْرٍ لَّجِّيٍّ  
يَغْشَاهُ مَوْجٌ مِّنْ فَوْقِهِ مَوْجٌ مِّنْ فَوْقِهِ سَعَابٌ ۖ  
ظُلُمٌ لِّبَعْضِهَا فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ ۖ إِذَا أَخْرَجَ يَدَهُ لَمْ  
يَكِدْ يَرِبَهَا ۖ وَمَنْ لَّمْ يَجْعَلِ اللَّهُ لَهُ نُورًا فَمَا لَهُ  
مِنْ نُورٍ ۝٤١ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَن فِي السَّمُوتِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ وَالطَّيْرُ صَبْتٌ ۖ كُلٌّ قَدْ عَلِمَ صَلَاتَهُ  
وَتَسْبِيحَهُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِمَا يَفْعَلُونَ ۝٤٢ وَ لِلَّهِ مُلْكُ

السَّمُوتِ

مُتَرَكِّبٌ

707 This is another scientific fact mentioned in the Quran: the existence of underwater waves, like lavers.

السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٢٣﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ

أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْجِي سَحَابًا ثُمَّ يُؤَلِّفُ بَيْنَهُ ثُمَّ يَجْعَلُهُ

رُكَّامًا فَتَرَى الْوَدْقَ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ خِلَالِهِ ۚ وَيُنَزِّلُ

مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ جِبَالٍ فِيهَا مِنْ بَرَدٍ فَيُصِيبُ بِهِ

مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَصْرِفُهُ عَنِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۚ يَكَادُ سَنَا بَرْقِهِ

يَذْهَبُ بِالْأَبْصَارِ ﴿٢٤﴾ يُقَلِّبُ اللَّهُ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ ۚ

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِّأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ ﴿٢٥﴾ وَاللَّهُ

خَالِقُ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ مِنْ مَّاءٍ ۚ فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَى

بَطْنِهِ ۚ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَى رِجْلَيْنِ ۚ وَمِنْهُمْ

مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَى أَرْبَعٍ ۚ يَخْلُقُ اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ

عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٦﴾ لَقَدْ أَنْزَلْنَا آيَاتٍ مُبِينَاتٍ ۚ

وَاللَّهُ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٢٧﴾

وَيَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَبِالرَّسُولِ وَأَطَعْنَا ثُمَّ يَتَوَلَّى

belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. And to Allah is the final return.

#### The Miracle of Rain

43. Do you not see that Allah gently drives the clouds, then joins them together, piling them up into masses, from which you see raindrops come forth? And He sends down from the sky mountains 'of clouds' loaded with hail, pouring it on whoever He wills and averting it from whoever He wills. The flash of the clouds' lightning nearly takes away eyesight.

44. Allah alternates the day and night. Surely in this is a lesson for people of insight.

#### The Miracle of Creation

45. And Allah has created from water every living creature. Some of them crawl on their bellies, some walk on two legs, and some walk on four. Allah creates whatever He wills. Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything.

#### The Hypocrites and Judgment

46. We have indeed sent down revelations clarifying 'the truth'. But Allah 'only' guides whoever He wills to the Straight Path. 47. And the hypocrites say, "We believe in Allah and the Messenger, and we obey."

Then a group of them turns away soon after that. These are not 'true' believers. 48. And as soon as they are called to Allah and His Messenger so he may judge between them, a group of them<sup>708</sup> turns away. 49. But if the truth is in their favour, they come to him, fully submitting. 50. Is there a sickness in their hearts? Or are they in doubt? Or do they fear that Allah and His Messenger will be unjust to them? In fact, it is they who are the 'true' wrongdoers.

### The Believers and Judgment

51. The only response of the 'true' believers, when they are called to Allah and His Messenger so he may judge between them, is to say, "We hear and obey." It is they who will 'truly' succeed. 52. For whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger, and fears Allah and is mindful of Him, then it is they who will 'truly' triumph.

### Hypocrites' Lip Service

53. They swear by Allah their most solemn oaths that if you 'O Prophet' were to command them, they would certainly march forth 'in Allah's cause'. Say, "'You' do not 'have to' swear; your obedience is well known!"<sup>709</sup> Surely Allah is All-Aware of what you do." 54. Say, "Obey Allah and obey the Messenger.

فَرِيقٌ مِّنْهُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ ۖ وَمَا أُولَٰئِكَ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾  
وَإِذَا دُعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ إِذَا  
فَرِيقٌ مِّنْهُمْ مُّعْرِضُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ وَإِنْ يَكُنْ لَهُمُ الْحَقُّ  
يَأْتُوا إِلَيْهِ مُذْعِنِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾ أَفِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ أَمْ  
ارْتَابُوا أَمْ يَخَافُونَ أَنْ يَحِيفَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَرَسُولُهُ  
بَلْ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ إِنَّمَا كَانَ قَوْلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
إِذَا دُعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ أَنْ  
يَقُولُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا ۖ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾  
وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَخْشَ اللَّهَ وَيَتَّقْهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ  
هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَأَقْسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ جَهْدَ أَيْمَانِهِمْ  
لَإِنْ أَمَرْتَهُمْ لَيَخْرُجْنَ ۖ قُلْ لَا تَقْسُمُوا ۖ طَاعَةٌ  
مَّعْرُوفَةٌ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾ قُلْ  
أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ ۚ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا

عَلَيْهِ مَا حِمْلٌ

مَثَلٌ

708 Those at fault.

709 This is used in a sarcastic way. It means, "Save your oaths! Everyone knows you are only bluffing. It is actions that matter, not words."



عَلَيْهِ مَا حَبَلٌ وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَا حَبَلْتُمْ<sup>ط</sup> وَإِنْ تُطِيعُوهُ  
تَهْتَدُوا<sup>ط</sup> وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلْغُ الْبَيِّنُ ﴿٥٣﴾  
وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ  
قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُبَكِّنَنَّهُمْ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ  
وَلَيَكْبِدَنَّ لَهُمْ مَنْ بَعْدَ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا<sup>ط</sup> يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا  
يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا<sup>ط</sup> وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ  
هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ  
وَاطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ لَا تَحْسَبَنَّ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مُعْجِزِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا لَهُمْ فِي النَّارِ  
وَلَيْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٥٦﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَيْسَ أَذْنُكُمْ  
الَّذِينَ مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَبْلُغُوا الْحُلُمَ مِنْكُمْ  
ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ<sup>ط</sup> مِنْ قَبْلِ صَلَاةِ الْفَجْرِ وَحِينَ تَضَعُونَ

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But if you turn away, then he is only responsible for his duty<sup>710</sup> and you are responsible for yours.<sup>711</sup> And if you obey him, you will be 'rightly' guided. The Messenger's duty is only to deliver 'the message' clearly."

#### Allah's Promise to the Believers

55. Allah has promised those of you who believe and do good that He will certainly make them successors in the land, as He did with those before them; and will surely establish for them their faith which He has chosen for them; and will indeed change their fear into security—"provided that" they worship Me, associating nothing with Me. But whoever disbelieves after this 'promise', it is they who will be the rebellious. 56. Moreover, establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and obey the Messenger, so you may be shown mercy. 57. Do not think 'O Prophet' that the disbelievers can escape in the land. The Fire will be their home. Indeed, what an evil destination!

#### Permission at Three Times

58. O believers! Let those 'bonds-people' in your possession and those of you who are still under age ask for your permission 'to come in' at three times:

710 The Prophet's only duty is to deliver the message.

711 Their only duty is to obey the Prophet (ﷺ) by submitting to Allah.

before dawn prayer, when you take off your 'outer' clothes at noon, and after the late evening prayer. 'These are' three times of privacy for you. Other than these times, there is no blame on you or them to move freely, attending to one another. This is how Allah makes the revelations clear to you, for Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### Permission at All Times

59. And when your children reach the age of puberty, let them seek permission 'to come in', as their seniors do. This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to you, for Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### Modesty for Elderly Women

60. As for elderly women past the age of marriage, there is no blame on them if they take off their 'outer' garments, without revealing their adornments. But it is better for them if they avoid this 'altogether'. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

#### No Restrictions

61. There is no restriction on the blind, or the disabled, or the sick.<sup>712</sup> Nor on yourselves if you eat from your homes,<sup>713</sup> or the homes of your fathers, or your mothers, or your brothers, or your sisters, or your paternal uncles, or your paternal aunts,

ثِيَابَكُمْ مِنَ الظَّهِيرَةِ وَمِنْ بَعْدِ صَلَاةِ الْعِشَاءِ ثَلَاثُ عَوْرَاتٍ لَكُمْ لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَلَا عَلَيْهِمْ جُنَاحٌ بَعْدَ هُنَّ ط طَوْفُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ بَعْضُكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ ط وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٥٩﴾  
وَإِذَا بَلَغَ الْأَطْفَالُ مِنْكُمُ الْحُلُمَ فَلْيَسْتَأْذِنُوا كَمَا اسْتَأْذَنَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ط كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ ط وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَالْقَوَاعِدُ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ الَّتِي لَا يَرْجُونَ نِكَاحًا فَلَيْسَ عَلَيْهِنَّ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ يَضَعْنَ ثِيَابَهُنَّ غَيْرَ مُتَبَرِّجَاتٍ بِزِينَةٍ ط وَأَنْ يَسْتَعْفِفْنَ خَيْرٌ لَهُنَّ ط وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٦١﴾  
لَيْسَ عَلَى الْأَعْمَى حَرَجٌ وَلَا عَلَى الْأَعْرَجِ حَرَجٌ وَلَا عَلَى الْمَرِيضِ حَرَجٌ وَلَا عَلَى أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَنْ تَأْكُلُوا مِنْ بُيُوتِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ آبَائِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ

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<sup>712</sup> There is no blame on any of the three if they do not march forth in Allah's cause. Moreover, some Muslims would give the keys of their homes to one of those who could not march forth (namely the blind, the disabled, or the sick) or their own relatives and ask them to enter their houses and eat at will but these people were shy to do that.

<sup>713</sup> i.e., the home of your spouse or children.

أَمْهَتِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ إِخْوَانِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ أَخَوَاتِكُمْ  
 أَوْ بُيُوتِ أَعْمَامِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ عَمَّاتِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ  
 أَخَوَالِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ خَالَاتِكُمْ أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْهُم مِّمَّا تَحَتَّى  
 أَوْ صَدِيقِكُمْ ۖ لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ تَاكُلُوا  
 بِمَعِينٍ أَوْ أَشْتَاتًا ۖ فَإِذَا دَخَلْتُمْ بُيُوتًا فَسَلِّمُوا  
 عَلَى أَنْفُسِكُمْ تَحِيَّةً مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ مُبَارَكَةً  
 طَيِّبَةً ۚ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ  
 تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ  
 وَرَسُولِهِ وَإِذَا كَانُوا مَعَهُ عَلَى أَمْرٍ جَامِعٍ لَّمْ  
 يَذْهَبُوا حَتَّى يَسْتَأْذِنُوهُ ۚ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَأْذِنُونَكَ  
 أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۚ فَإِذَا  
 أَسْتَأْذَنُوكَ لِبَعْضِ شَأْنِهِمْ فَأَذَنْ لِّمَنْ شِئْتَ  
 مِنْهُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمُ اللَّهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٩﴾

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or your maternal uncles, or your maternal aunts, or from the homes in your trust, or 'the homes of your friends. There is no blame on you eating together or separately. However, when you enter houses, greet one another with a greeting 'of peace' from Allah, blessed and good.<sup>714</sup> This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to you, so perhaps you will understand.

#### Sticking with the Prophet

62. The 'true' believers are only those who believe in Allah and His Messenger, and when they are with him on a public matter, they do not leave without his permission. Indeed, those who ask your permission 'O Prophet' are the ones who 'truly' believe in Allah and His Messenger. So when they ask your permission for a private matter, grant permission to whoever you wish and ask Allah's forgiveness for them. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

714 If someone is in the house, greet them by saying, 'As-salâmu 'alaikum' (peace be upon you)." But if there is no one there, you greet yourselves by saying, 'Asalâmu 'alaina wa 'ala 'ibâd-illâhi as-sâlihîn' (peace be upon us and all righteous servants of Allah)."

63. Do not treat the Messenger's summons to you 'as lightly' as your summons to one another.<sup>715</sup> Allah certainly knows those of you who slip away, hiding behind others.<sup>716</sup> So let those who disobey his orders beware, for an affliction may befall them, or a painful torment may overtake them.

#### Allah Knows Everything

64. Surely to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. He knows well what you stand for. And 'on' the Day all will be returned to Him. He will inform them of what they did. For Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things.



#### 25. The Standard (Al-Furqân)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Kingdom of Almighty Allah

1. Blessed is the One Who sent down the Standard<sup>717</sup> to His servant,<sup>718</sup> so that he may be a warner to the whole world.<sup>719</sup> 2. 'Allah is' the One to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, Who has never had 'any' offspring, nor does He have a partner in 'governing' the kingdom. He has created everything, ordaining it precisely.

لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ  
بَعْضًا ۚ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ يَتَسَلَّلُونَ مِنْكُمْ  
لِوَإِيٍّ ۚ فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرٍ أَنْ  
تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦﴾  
إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
أَنْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ ۚ وَيَوْمَ يُرْجَعُونَ إِلَيْهِ فَيُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا  
عَمِلُوا ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٧﴾

﴿آيَاتُهَا ٤٤﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْفُرْقَانِ ٢٥﴾ ﴿كُتِبَ عَلَيْهَا ٦﴾  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ  
لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا ۝ ١ ۚ الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمُوتِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَمْ يَتَّخِذْ وَلَدًا وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ  
فِي الْمُلْكِ وَخَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَقَدَرَهُ تَقْدِيرًا ۝ ٢

وَاتَّخَذُوا

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715 There is also a different interpretation: "Do not call the Messenger 'by his name' as you call one another." In other words, Do not say, 'O Muḥammad.' Rather, say, 'O Prophet.'

716 Some hypocrites used to sneak out while the Prophet (ﷺ) was talking.

717 *Al-Furqân*, which is one of names of the Quran, means "the standard to distinguish between right and wrong."

718 Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).

719 For both humans and jinn.

وَاتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ لَا يَخْلُقُونَ شَيْئًا  
وَهُمْ يُخْلَقُونَ وَلَا يَمْلِكُونَ أَنْ نَنْفُسَهُمْ ضَرًّا  
وَلَا نَفْعًا وَلَا يَمْلِكُونَ مَوْتًا وَلَا حَيَوَةً وَلَا  
نُشُورًا ﴿٥﴾ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا  
إِفْكٌ إِفْتَرَاهُ وَاعَانَاهُ عَلَيْهِ قَوْمٌ آخَرُونَ  
فَقَدْ جَاءُوا ظُلْمًا وَزُورًا ﴿٦﴾ وَقَالُوا آسَاطِيرُ  
الْأَوَّلِينَ اكْتَتَبَهَا فَهِيَ تُمْلَى عَلَيْهِ بُكْرَةً  
وَآصِيلًا ﴿٧﴾ قُلْ أَنْزَلَهُ الَّذِي يَعْلَمُ السِّرَّ  
فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفُورًا  
رَحِيمًا ﴿٨﴾ وَقَالُوا مَا هَذَا الرَّسُولِ يَأْكُلُ  
الطَّعَامَ وَيَمْشِي فِي الْأَسْوَاقِ ۚ لَوْلَا أَنْزَلَ  
إِلَيْهِ مَلَكٌ فَيَكُونُ مَعَهُ نَذِيرًا ۚ أَوْ يُلْقَى  
إِلَيْهِ كَنْزٌ أَوْ تَكُونُ لَهُ جَنَّةٌ يَأْكُلُ مِنْهَا ۚ

وَقَالَ الظَّالِمُونَ

مَنْزِلٌ ٢

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### The Polytheists

3. Yet they have taken besides Him gods who cannot create anything but are themselves created. Nor can they protect or benefit themselves. Nor can they control life, death, or resurrection.

### Denying the Quran

4. The disbelievers say, "This 'Quran' is nothing but a fabrication which he<sup>720</sup> made up with the help of others." Their claim is totally unjustified and untrue! 5. And they say, "These revelations are only 'ancient fables which he has had written down, and they are rehearsed to him morning and evening."<sup>721</sup> 6. Say, 'O Prophet,' "This 'Quran' has been revealed by the One Who knows the secrets of the heavens and the earth. Surely He is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful."<sup>722</sup>

### Denying the Prophet

7. And they say 'mockingly', "What kind of messenger is this who eats food and goes about in market-places 'for a living'? If only an angel had been sent down with him to be his co-warner, 8. or a treasure had been cast down to him, or he had had a garden from which he may eat!"

مَعَانِقُهُ ١٠ عِنْدَ النَّاسِ ١٢

720 The Prophet (ﷺ).

721 Some Arab pagans claimed that the Prophet (ﷺ) had been taught the Bible by some non-Arab Christians. The Quran itself (16:103) refutes this claim by arguing that a non-Arab could not come up with an eloquent Arabic scripture like the Quran when eloquent Arabs failed to produce something like it. For more details, see the Introduction.

722 He forgives those who repent, and gives a grace period to those who do not.

And the wrongdoers say 'to the believers', "You are only following a bewitched man." 9. See 'O Prophet' how they call you names!<sup>723</sup> So they have gone so 'far' astray that they cannot find the 'Right' Way. 10. Blessed is the One Who—if He wills—can give you far better than 'all' that: gardens under which rivers flow, and palaces as well.

#### Torment for the Deniers

11. In fact, they deny the Hour.<sup>724</sup> And for the deniers of the Hour, We have prepared a blazing Fire. 12. Once it sees them from a distance, they will hear it fuming and growling. 13. And when they are tossed into a narrow place inside 'Hell', chained together, then and there they will cry out for 'instant' destruction. 14. "They will be told," "Do not cry only once for destruction, but cry many times over!"

#### Reward of the Righteous

15. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Is this better or the Garden of Eternity which the righteous have been promised, as a reward and 'an ultimate' destination? 16. There they will have whatever they wish for, forever.

وَقَالَ الظَّالِمُونَ إِن تَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا رَجُلًا مَّسْحُورًا ٨  
 أَنْظِرْ كَيْفَ ضَرَبُوا لَكَ الْأَمْثَالَ فَضَلُّوا  
 فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ سَبِيلًا ٩ تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي  
 إِن شَاءَ جَعَلَ لَكَ خَيْرًا مِّنْ ذَلِكَ جَدَّتِ  
 تَجْرِي مِّنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ١٠ وَيَجْعَلُ لَكَ  
 قُصُورًا ١١ بَلْ كَذَّبُوا بِالسَّاعَةِ ١٢ وَأَعْتَدْنَا  
 لِمَن كَذَّبَ بِالسَّاعَةِ سَعِيرًا ١٣ إِذَا رَأَوْهُمْ  
 مِّنْ مَّكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ سَبَعُوا لَهَا تَعْيِطًا وَ  
 زَفِيرًا ١٤ وَإِذَا أُلْقُوا مِنْهَا مَكَانًا ضَيِّقًا مُّقَرَّنِينَ  
 دَعَوْا هُنَالِكَ ثُبُورًا ١٥ لَا تَدْعُوا الْيَوْمَ ثُبُورًا  
 وَاحِدًا وَادْعُوا ثُبُورًا كَثِيرًا ١٦ قُلْ أَذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ  
 أَمْ جَنَّةُ الْخُلْدِ الَّتِي وُعِدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ ١٧ كَانَتْ  
 لَهُمْ جَزَاءٌ وَاصِيًا ١٨ لَهُمْ فِيهَا مَا يَشَاءُونَ

خَالِدِينَ

مَمْلُوءًا

723 i.e., a magician, a poet, a fabricator, and a mad man.

724 What they have said about you are only excuses to justify their denial of the Hereafter.

خَلِيدِينَ ۖ كَانَ عَلَىٰ رَبِّكَ وَعْدًا مَّسْئُولًا ﴿١٧﴾

وَيَوْمَ يُحْشَرُهُمْ وَمَا يَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ

فَيَقُولُ ءَأَنْتُمْ أَضَلَلْتُمْ عِبَادِي هَؤُلَاءِ أَمْ

هُمْ ضَلُّوا السَّبِيلَ ﴿١٨﴾ قَالُوا سُبْحَنَكَ مَا كَانَ

يَتَّبِعُنَا لِنَأَنَّ أَنْ تَتَّخِذَ مِنْ دُونِكَ مِنْ

أَوْلِيَاءَ وَلَكِنْ مَتَّعْتَهُمْ وَإِبَاءَهُمْ حَتَّىٰ نَسُوا

الذِّكْرَ ۖ وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا بُورًا ﴿١٩﴾ فَقَدْ كَذَّبُوكُمْ

بِمَا تَقُولُونَ ۖ فَمَا تَسْتَطِيعُونَ صَرْفًا وَلَا نَصْرًا

وَمَنْ يَظْلِمَ مِنْكُمْ نُدْقُهُ عَذَابًا كَبِيرًا ﴿٢٠﴾

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا قَبْلَكَ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ إِلَّا

إِنَّهُمْ لَيَأْكُلُونَ الطَّعَامَ وَيَمْشُونَ فِي

الْأَسْوَاقِ ۖ وَجَعَلْنَا بَعْضَكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ فِتْنَةً ۖ

أَتَصْبِرُونَ ۚ وَكَانَ رَبُّكَ بَصِيرًا ﴿٢١﴾

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That is a promise 'to be sought after', binding on your Lord.

#### The Disavowal

17. 'Watch for' the Day He will gather them along with what they used to worship besides Allah, and ask 'the objects of worship',<sup>725</sup> "Was it you who misled these servants of Mine, or did they stray from the Way 'on their own'?" 18. They will say, "Glory be to You! It was not right for 'others like' us to take any lords besides You,<sup>726</sup> but You allowed enjoyment for them and their forefathers 'for so long' that they forgot 'Your' remembrance and became a doomed people." 19. 'The doomed will be told', "Your gods have clearly denied your claims. So now you can neither ward off 'the punishment' nor get any help." And whoever of you does wrong, We will make them taste a horrible punishment.

#### Messengers Are Human

20. We never sent any messenger before you 'O Prophet', who did not eat food and go about in market-places. We have made some of you a trial for others. Will you 'not then' be patient? And your Lord is All-Seeing.

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725 e.g., Jesus and the angels.

726 Another possible translation: "They will say, 'Glory be to You! We would not dare to take other lords besides You 'so how can we claim to be lords?'"

*Desperate to Meet the Angels*

21. Those who do not expect to meet Us say, "If only the angels were sent down to us, or we could see our Lord!" They have certainly been carried away by their arrogance and have entirely exceeded all limits. 22. "But" on the Day they will see the angels, there will be no good news for the wicked, who will cry, "Keep away! Away 'from us'!"<sup>727</sup> 23. Then We will turn to whatever 'good' deeds they did, reducing them to scattered dust.<sup>728</sup> 24. "But" on that Day the residents of Paradise will have the best settlement and the finest place to rest.

*Judgment Day*

25. "Watch for" the Day the heavens will burst with clouds, and the angels will be sent down in successive ranks. 26. True authority on that Day will belong 'only' to the Most Compassionate.<sup>729</sup> And it will be a hard day for the disbelievers.

*Useless Remorse*<sup>730</sup>

27. And 'beware of' the Day the wrongdoer will bite his nails 'in regret' and say, "Oh! I wish I had followed the Way along with the Messenger! 28. Woe to me! I wish I had never taken so-and-so as a close friend. 29. It was he who truly made me stray from the Reminder after it had reached me." And Satan has always betrayed humanity.

(١٩) الَّذِينَ  
الْمُرْقَان ٢٥

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَرْجُونَ لِقَاءَنَا لَوْلَا أُنْزِلَ عَلَيْنَا  
الْمَلَكُ أَوْ تَرَى رَبَّنَا ۖ لَقَدْ اسْتَكْبَرُوا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ  
وَعَتَوْا عُتُوًّا كَبِيرًا ۝ (٢١) يَوْمَ يَرَوْنَ الْمَلَائِكَةَ لَا بُشْرَى  
يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُجْرِمِينَ وَيَقُولُونَ حَجْرًا مَحْجُورًا ۝ (٢٢) وَقَدْ مَنَّ  
إِلَى مَا عَمِلُوا مِنْ عَمَلٍ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ هَبَاءً مَنْثُورًا ۝ (٢٣) أَصْحَابُ  
الْجَنَّةِ يَوْمَئِذٍ خَيْرٌ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَأَحْسَنُ مَقِيلًا ۝ (٢٤) وَيَوْمَ  
تَشَقُّقُ السَّمَاءِ بِالْغَمَامِ وَنُزِّلَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ تَنْزِيلًا ۝ (٢٥)  
الْمَلِكُ يَوْمَئِذٍ الْحَقُّ لِلرَّحْمَنِ ۖ وَكَانَ يَوْمًا عَلَى  
الْكَافِرِينَ عَسِيرًا ۝ (٢٦) وَيَوْمَ يَعِضُّ الظَّالِمُ عَلَى يَدَيْهِ  
يَقُولُ يَلَيْتَنِي اتَّخَذْتُ مَعَ الرَّسُولِ سَبِيلًا ۝ (٢٧) يُؤْيَلِي  
لَيْتَنِي لَمْ أَتَّخِذْ فُلَانًا خَلِيلًا ۝ (٢٨) لَقَدْ أَضَلَّنِي عَنِ  
الدِّكْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ جَاءَنِي ۖ وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِلْإِنْسَانِ  
خَدُولًا ۝ (٢٩) وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ لِرَبِّ إِنْ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا

هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ

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727 Another possible translation: "And the angels will say, 'All good is forbidden to you!'"

728 The good deeds of the disbelievers (like charity) will have no weight on Judgment Day.

729 Some people (like kings and rulers) have some sort of authority in this world. But on Judgment Day Allah will be the sole authority.

730 This passage refers to 'Oqabah ibn Abi-Mu'ait who had initially become Muslim, but later left Islam only to please his close friend, Ubai ibn Khalaf.



هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا ۝ وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَا لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ  
 عَدُوًّا مِّنَ الْبَٰجِرِينَ ۖ وَكَفَىٰ بِرَبِّكَ هَادِيًا وَنَصِيرًا ۝  
 وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ الْقُرْآنُ جُمْلَةً  
 وَاحِدَةً ۖ كَذَلِكَ ۖ لِنُثَبِّتَ بِهِ فُؤَادَكَ وَرَتَّلْنَاهُ  
 تَرْتِيلًا ۝ وَلَا يَأْتُونَكَ بِمَثَلٍ إِلَّا جِئْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ  
 وَأَحْسَنَ تَفْسِيرًا ۝ الَّذِينَ يُحْشَرُونَ عَلَىٰ وُجُوهِهِمْ إِلَىٰ  
 جَهَنَّمَ أُولَٰئِكَ شَرٌّ مَّكَانًا وَأَضَلُّ سَبِيلًا ۝ وَلَقَدْ  
 آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلْنَا مَعَهُ أَخَاهُ هَارُونَ  
 وَزِيرًا ۝ فَقُلْنَا اذْهَبَا إِلَى الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا  
 بِآيَاتِنَا ۖ فَدَمَّرْنَاهُمْ تَدْمِيرًا ۝ وَقَوْمَ نُوحٍ لَّمَّا كَذَّبُوا  
 الرَّسْلَ أَغْرَقْنَاهُمْ وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ لِلنَّاسِ آيَةً ۖ وَاعْتَدْنَا  
 لِلظَّالِمِينَ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ۝ وَعَادًا وَثَمُودًا وَأَصْحَبَ  
 الرَّسِّ وَقُرُونًا بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ كَثِيرًا ۝ وَكَلَّا ضَرَبْنَاهُ

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*Pagans' Neglect of the Quran*

30. The Messenger has cried, "O my Lord! My people have indeed received this Quran with neglect."

31. Similarly, We made enemies for every prophet from among the wicked, but sufficient is your Lord as a Guide and Helper. 32. The disbelievers say, "If only the Quran had been sent down to him all at once!" "We have sent it" as such "in stages" so We may reassure your heart with it. And We have revealed it at a deliberate pace. 33. Whenever they bring you an argument, We come to you with the right refutation and the best explanation. 34. Those who will be dragged into Hell on their faces will be in the worst place, and are 'now' farthest from the 'Right' Way.

*Destruction of Pharaoh's People*

35. We certainly gave Moses the Book and appointed his brother Aaron as his helper. 36. We had ordered "them", "Go to the people who would deny Our signs." Then We annihilated the deniers entirely.

*Destruction of Noah's People*

37. And when the people of Noah rejected the messengers,<sup>731</sup> We drowned them, making them an example to humanity. And We have prepared a painful punishment for the wrongdoers.

*Destruction of Other Peoples*

38. Also "We destroyed" 'Âd, Thamûd, and the people of the Water-pit,<sup>732</sup> as well as many peoples in between.

731 Denying Noah was equal to denying all of Allah's messengers.

732 Ar-Rass means "well" or "water-pit". This refers to a pagan people, along with Midian, to whom Allah sent Prophet Shu'aib.

39. For each We set forth 'various' lessons, and We ultimately destroyed each.

### Warning to Meccan Pagans

40. They have certainly passed by the city 'of Sodom', which had been showered with a dreadful rain 'of stones'. Have they not seen its ruins? But they do not expect to be resurrected. 41. When they see you 'O Prophet', they only make fun of you, "saying," "Is this the one that Allah has sent as a messenger? 42. He would have almost tricked us away from our gods, had we not been so devoted to them." "But" soon they will know, when they face the punishment, who is far astray from the 'Right' Way. 43. Have you seen 'O Prophet' the one who has taken their own desires as their god? Will you then be a keeper over them? 44. Or do you think that most of them listen or understand?<sup>733</sup> They are only like cattle—no, more than that, they are astray from the 'Right' Way!<sup>734</sup>

### Allah's Power: 1) The Sun and Shade

45. Have you not seen how your Lord extends the shade—He could have simply made it 'remain' still if He so willed—then We make the sun its guide, 46. causing the shade to retreat gradually?<sup>735</sup>

### 2) The Day and Night

47. He is the One Who has made the night for you as a cover, and 'made' sleep for resting, and the day for rising.

الْأَمْثَالِ نَوَكَلًا تَبَرَّنَا تَتَبِيرًا ٢٩ وَلَقَدْ أَتَوْا عَلَى الْقَرْيَةِ  
الَّتِي أَمْطَرْنَا مَطَرًا سَوِيًّا ٣٠ أَفَلَمْ يَكُونُوا يَرَوْنَهَا ٣١ بَلْ  
كَانُوا لَا يَرْجُونَ نُشُورًا ٣٢ وَإِذَا رَأَوْكَ إِن يَتَخَذُوا نَكَ  
إِلَّا هُزُوءًا ٣٣ أَهَذَا الَّذِي بَعَثَ اللَّهُ رَسُولًا ٣٤ إِن كَادَ  
لَيُضِلُّنَا عَنْ الْإِهْتِنَاءِ لَوْلَا أَن صَبَرْنَا عَلَيْهَا ٣٥ وَسَوْفَ  
يَعْلَمُونَ حِينَ يَرَوْنَ الْعَذَابَ مَن أَضَلَّ سَبِيلًا ٣٦  
أَرَأَيْتَ مَنِ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ ٣٧ أَفَأَنْتَ تَكُونُ عَلَيْهِ  
وَكِيلًا ٣٨ أَمْ تَحْسَبُ أَنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ يَسْمَعُونَ أَوْ يَعْقِلُونَ ٣٩  
إِن هُمْ إِلَّا كَالْأَنْعَامِ بَلْ هُمْ أَضَلُّ سَبِيلًا ٤٠ أَلَمْ تَرَ  
إِلَى رَبِّكَ كَيْفَ مَدَّ الظِّلَّ ٤١ وَلَوْ شَاءَ لَجَعَلَهُ سَاكِنًا  
ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَا الشَّمْسُ عَلَيْهِ دَلِيلًا ٤٢ ثُمَّ قَبَضْنَاهُ إِلَيْنَا  
قَبْضًا يَسِيرًا ٤٣ وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ اللَّيْلَ لِبَاسًا  
وَالنَّوْمَ سُبَاتًا وَجَعَلَ النَّهَارَ نُشُورًا ٤٤ وَهُوَ الَّذِي

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733 They neither pay attention, nor think for themselves. They only follow others blindly.

734 Generally, animals are obedient and loyal to their masters who care for them and they seem to know their way, whereas Meccan pagans are disobedient and ungrateful to their Lord and Sustainer, choosing to stray from the right path.

735 This means that one of the great miracles of Allah is that He allows the sun to rise in the morning, causing darkness to retreat. He could have stopped the sun and the earth from rotating, so half of the world would be engulfed in complete darkness, leading to an imbalance in the earth's eco-systems and endangering life on the planet.

أَرْسَلَ الرِّيحَ بُشْرًا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ رَحْمَتِهِ ۖ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ  
السَّمَاءِ مَاءً طَهُورًا ۝ لِّنُحْيِيَ بِهِ بَلْدَةً مَّيِّتًا وَنُسْقِيَهُ  
مِمَّا خَلَقْنَا أَنْعَامًا وَأَنَا سَيِّ كَثِيرًا ۝ وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَاهُ  
بَيْنَهُمْ لِيَذَّكَّرُوا ۖ فَأَبَى أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ إِلَّا كُفُورًا ۝ وَلَوْ  
شِئْنَا لَبَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ قَرْيَةٍ تَذِيبًا ۝ فَلَا تَطْعَمُ الْكُفْرَيْنِ  
وَجَاهِدْهُمْ بِهِ جِهَادًا كَبِيرًا ۝ وَهُوَ الَّذِي مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ  
هَذَا عَذْبٌ فُرَاتٌ وَهَذَا مِلْحٌ أُجَاجٌ ۖ وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَهُمَا  
بَرْزَخًا وَحِجْرًا مَّحْجُورًا ۝ وَهُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ مِنَ الْمَاءِ  
بَشَرًا فَجَعَلَهُ نَسَبًا وَوَصْهْرًا ۖ وَكَانَ رَبُّكَ قَدِيرًا ۝ وَ  
يَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُهُمْ وَلَا يَضُرُّهُمْ ۖ وَكَانَ  
الْكَافِرُ عَلَىٰ رَبِّهِ ظَهِيرًا ۝ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا مُبَشِّرًا  
وَنَذِيرًا ۝ قُلْ مَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِلَّا مَنْ شَاءَ  
أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِ سَبِيلًا ۝ وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَىٰ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي

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## 3) The Rain

48. And He is the One Who sends the winds ushering in His mercy, and We send down pure rain from the sky, 49. giving life to a lifeless land, and providing water for countless animals and humans of Our Own creation. 50. We certainly disperse it among them so they may be mindful, but most people persist in ungratefulness.

## One Universal Messenger

51. Had We willed, We could have easily sent a warner to every society. 52. So do not yield to the disbelievers, but strive diligently against them with this "Quran".

## 4) Fresh and Salt Water

53. And He is the One Who merges the two bodies of water: one fresh and palatable and the other salty and bitter, placing between them a barrier they cannot cross.<sup>736</sup>

## 5) Creation of Humans

54. And He is the One Who creates human beings from a 'humble' liquid,<sup>737</sup> then establishes for them bonds of kinship and marriage. For your Lord is Most Capable.

## Powerless Allahs

55. Yet they worship besides Allah what can neither benefit nor harm them. And the disbeliever always

## Advice to the Prophet: Trust in Allah

56. And We have sent you 'O Prophet' only as a deliverer of good news and a warner. 57. Say, "I do not ask you for any reward for this 'message', but whoever wishes, let them pursue the Way to their Lord." 58. Put your trust in the Ever-Living, Who never dies, and glorify His praises.

736 This refers to estuaries where salt and fresh waters meet forming brackish water. Although both waters mix together, each still keeps its distinctive qualities.

737 The mixture of sperm and egg.

collaborates against their Lord.

Sufficient is He as All-Aware of the sins of His servants. 59. 'He is' the One Who created the heavens and the earth and everything in between in six Days,<sup>738</sup> then established Himself on the Throne. 'He is' the Most Compassionate! Ask 'none other than' the All-Knowledgeable about Himself.

### Denying Allah

60. When it is said to them, "Prostrate to the Most Compassionate," they ask 'in disgust', "What is 'the Most Compassionate'? Will we prostrate to whatever you order us to?" And it only drives them farther away.

### Allah Almighty

61. Blessed is the One Who has placed constellations in the sky, as well as a 'radiant' lamp<sup>739</sup> and a luminous moon. 62. And He is the One Who causes the day and the night to alternate, 'as a sign' for whoever desires to be mindful or to be grateful.

### Qualities of the Righteous:

#### 1) Humility

63. The 'true' servants of the Most Compassionate are those who walk on the earth humbly, and when the foolish address them 'improperly', they only respond with peace.

#### 2) Sincere Devotion

64. 'They are' those who spend 'a good portion of' the night, prostrating themselves and standing before their Lord.

#### 3) 'Hope and' Fear

65. 'They are' those who pray, "Our Lord! Keep the punishment of Hell away from us, for its punishment is indeed unrelenting. 66. It is certainly an evil place to settle and reside."

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وَلَمْ يَقْتَرُوا

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738 See footnote for 7:54.

739 The sun.

وَلَمْ يَقْتُرُوا وَكَانَ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ قَوَامًا ﴿٤٧﴾ وَالَّذِينَ  
 لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي  
 حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ  
 أَثَامًا ﴿٤٨﴾ يُضْعَفُ لَهُ الْعَذَابُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ وَيَخْلُدُ  
 فِيهِ مُهَانًا ﴿٤٩﴾ إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا  
 فَأُولَئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ  
 غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٥٠﴾ وَمَنْ تَابَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَإِنَّهُ يَتُوبُ  
 إِلَى اللَّهِ مَتَابًا ﴿٥١﴾ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَشْهَدُونَ الزُّورَ وَإِذَا مَرُّوا  
 بِاللَّغْوِ مَرُّوا كِرَامًا ﴿٥٢﴾ وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ  
 لَمْ يَخْرُجُوا عَلَيْهَا صُمًّا وَعُمْيَانًا ﴿٥٣﴾ وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ  
 رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَ  
 اجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٥٤﴾ أُولَئِكَ يُجْزَوْنَ الْغُرْفَةَ  
 بِمَا صَبَرُوا وَيُلَقَّوْنَ فِيهَا تَحِيَّةً وَسَلَامًا ﴿٥٥﴾ خُلِدِينَ

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## 4) Moderate Spending

67. "They are" those who spend neither wastefully nor stingily, but moderately in between.

## 5) Avoiding Major Sins

68. "They are" those who do not invoke any other god besides Allah, nor take a 'human' life—made sacred by Allah—except with 'legal' right,<sup>740</sup> nor commit fornication. And whoever does 'any of' this will face the penalty. 69. Their punishment will be multiplied on the Day of Judgment, and they will remain in it forever, in disgrace. 70. As for those who repent, believe, and do good deeds, they are the ones whose evil deeds Allah will change into good deeds. For Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 71. And whoever repents and does good has truly turned to Allah properly.

## 6) Avoiding Falsehood

72. "They are" those who do not bear false witness, and when they come across falsehood, they pass 'it' by with dignity.

## 7) Full Submission

73. "They are" those who, when reminded of the revelation of their Lord, do not turn a blind eye or a deaf ear to it.

## 8) Righteous Company

## Reward of the Righteous

74. "They are" those who pray, "Our Lord! Bless us with 'pious' spouses and offspring who will be the joy of our hearts, and make us models for the righteous."

75. It is they who will be rewarded with 'elevated' mansions 'in Paradise' for their perseverance, and will be received with salutations and 'greetings of' peace, 76. staying there forever.

740 For example, in retaliation for intentional killing through legal channels.

What an excellent place to settle and reside!

### Call to Humanity

77. Say, "O Prophet," "You 'all' would not 'even' matter to my Lord were it not for your faith 'in Him'. But now you 'disbelievers' have denied 'the truth', so the torment is bound to come."



### 26. The Poets (Ash-Shu'arā')

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### Warning to the Disbelievers

1. *Ṭā-Sīn-Mīm*. 2. These are the verses of the clear Book. 3. Perhaps you 'O Prophet' will grieve yourself to death over their disbelief. 4. If We willed, We could send down upon them a 'compelling' sign from the heavens, leaving their necks bent in 'utter' submission to it. 5. Whatever new reminder comes to them from the Most Compassionate, they always turn away from it. 6. They have certainly denied 'the truth', so they will soon face the consequences of their ridicule. 7. Have they failed to look at the earth, 'to see' how many types of fine plants We have caused to grow in it? 8. Surely in this is a sign. Yet most of them would not believe. 9. And your Lord is certainly the Almighty, Most Merciful.

فِيهَا حَسُنَتْ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَمُقَامًا ٥١ قُلْ مَا يَعْبُؤُا بِكُمْ رَبِّي  
لَوْلَا دُعَاؤُكُمْ فَقَدْ كَذَّبْتُمْ فَسَوْفَ يَكُونُ لِزَامًا ٥٢

الْأَنفَاءُ ٢٢٤ سُورَةُ الشُّعْرَاءِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٢٦) اُنْزِلَتْهَا ١١

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

طَسَمَ ١ تِلْكَ الْاِثْ الْكِتَابِ الْبَيِّنِ ٢ لَعَلَّكَ بَاخِعٌ

نَفْسِكَ اَلَّا يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ ٣ اِنْ نَشَأْ نُذِلْ عَلَيْهِمْ

مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ اَيَةً فَظَلَّتْ اَعْنَاقُهُمْ لَهَا خَاضِعِينَ ٤

وَمَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِّنْ ذِكْرٍ مِّنَ الرَّحْمٰنِ مُحَدَّثٍ اِلَّا كَانُوا عَنْهُ

مُعْرِضِينَ ٥ فَقَدْ كَذَّبُوا فَسَيَأْتِيهِمْ اَنْبَاؤُا مَا كَانُوا بِهِ

يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ٦ اَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا اِلَى الْاَرْضِ كَيْفَ اَنْبَتْنَا

فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ كَرِيمٍ ٧ اِنَّ فِيْ ذٰلِكَ لَآيَةً ٨ وَمَا

كَانَ اَكْثَرُهُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ ٩ وَاِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ

الرَّحِيمُ ١٠ وَاِذْ نَادٰى رَبُّكَ مُوسٰى اِنِ اُنْتِ الْقَوْمُ

الظَّالِمِينَ

مَنْزِلَةٌ

## Prophet Moses

10. 'Remember' when your Lord called out to Moses, "Go to the wrongdoing people— 11. the people of Pharaoh. Will they not fear 'Al-lah'?" 12. He replied, "My Lord! I fear that they will reject me. 13. And 'so' my heart will be broken and my tongue will be tied. So send Aaron along 'as a messenger'. 14. Also, they have a charge against me,<sup>741</sup> so I fear they may kill me." 15. Allah responded, "Certainly not! So go, both of you, with Our signs. We will be with you, listening. 16. Go to Pharaoh and say, 'We are messengers from the Lord of all worlds, 17. 'commanded to say:' 'Let the Children of Israel go with us.'"

## Moses vs. Pharaoh

18. Pharaoh protested, "Did we not raise you among us as a child, and you stayed several years of your life in our care? 19. Then you did what you did,<sup>742</sup> being 'utterly' ungrateful!" 20. Moses replied, "I did it then, lacking guidance. 21. So I fled from you when I feared you. Then my Lord granted me wisdom and made me one of the messengers. 22. How can that be a 'favour,' of which you remind me, when 'it was only because' you 'have' enslaved the Children of Israel?" 23. Pharaoh asked, "And what is 'the Lord of all worlds'?"

الظَّالِمِينَ ١٠ قَوْمَ فِرْعَوْنَ ١١ أَلَا يَتَّقُونَ ١٢ قَالَ رَبِّ  
إِنِّي أَخَافُ أَنْ يُكَذِّبُونِ ١٣ وَيَضِيقُ صَدْرِي وَلَا  
يُنْطَلِقُ لِسَانِي فَأَرْسِلْ إِلَى هَارُونَ ١٤ وَلَهُمْ عَلَيَّ  
ذَنْبٌ فَاخَافُ أَنْ يَقْتُلُونِ ١٥ قَالَ كَلَّا فَادْهَبَا  
بِآيَاتِنَا إِنَّا مَعَكُمْ مُسْتَمِعُونَ ١٦ فَاتَيَا فِرْعَوْنَ فَقُولَا  
إِنَّا رَسُولُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ١٧ أَنْ أَرْسِلْ مَعَنَا بَنِيَّ  
إِسْرَءِيلَ ١٨ قَالَ أَلَمْ تُرَبِّكْ فِينَا وَلِيدًا وَلَبِثْتَ  
فِينَا مِنْ عُمُرِكَ سِنِينَ ١٩ وَفَعَلْتَ فَعَلَتِكَ الَّتِي  
فَعَلْتَ وَأَنْتَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ ٢٠ قَالَ فَعَلْتُهَا إِذَا وَأَنَا  
مِنَ الضَّالِّينَ ٢١ فَفَرَرْتُ مِنْكُمْ لَمَّا خِفْتُكُمْ فَوَهَبَ  
لِي رَبِّي حُكْمًا وَجَعَلَنِي مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ٢٢ وَتِلْكَ  
نِعْمَةٌ تَمُّهَا عَلَى أَنْ عَبَّدتَ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ ٢٣  
قَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ وَمَا رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ٢٤ قَالَ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ

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741 For killing an Egyptian by mistake before prophethood. See 28:15-17.

742 See previous footnote.

24. Moses replied, “‘He is’ the Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything in between, if only you had sure faith.” 25. Pharaoh said to those around him, “Did you hear ‘what he said’?” 26. Moses added, “‘He is’ your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers.” 27. Pharaoh said ‘mockingly’, “Your messenger, who has been sent to you, must be insane.” 28. Moses responded: “‘He is’ the Lord of the east and west, and everything in between, if only you had any sense.”

### The Challenge

29. Pharaoh threatened, “If you take any other god besides me, I will certainly have you imprisoned.” 30. Moses responded, “Even if I bring you a clear proof?” 31. Pharaoh demanded, “Bring it then, if what you say is true.” 32. So he threw down his staff and—behold!—it became a real snake. 33. Then he drew his hand ‘out of his collar’ and it was ‘shining’ white for all to see. 34. Pharaoh said to the chiefs around him, “He is indeed a skilled magician, 35. who seeks to drive you from your land by his magic. So what do you propose?” 36. They replied, “Let him and his brother wait and dispatch mobilizers to all cities 37. to bring you every skilled magician.” 38. So the magicians were assembled at the set time on the appointed day. 39. And the people were asked,

وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا ۖ إِنَّ كُنْتُمْ مُوقِنِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾ قَالَ لِمَنِ  
حَوْلَهُ إِلَّا تَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾ قَالَ رَبُّكُمْ وَرَبُّ آبَائِكُمُ  
الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٤١﴾ قَالَ إِنَّ رَسُولَكُمْ الَّذِي أُرْسِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ  
لَمَجْنُونٌ ﴿٤٢﴾ قَالَ رَبُّ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا ۖ  
إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾ قَالَ لِمَنِ اتَّخَذَتِ الْهَاءُ غَيْرِي  
لَجَعَلْتُكَ مِنَ الْبَاسِجُونِ ﴿٤٤﴾ قَالَ أَوَلَوْ جِئْتُكَ بِشَيْءٍ  
مُبِينٍ ﴿٤٥﴾ قَالَ فَأْتِ بِهِ ۖ إِنَّ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾  
فَأَلْقَى عَصَاهُ فَإِذَا هِيَ ثُعْبَانٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَنَزَعَ يَدَهُ  
فَإِذَا هِيَ بَيْضَاءُ لِلنَّظَرِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾ قَالَ لِلْمَلَاحِقَةِ إِنَّ  
هَذَا لَسِحْرٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٤٩﴾ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُخْرِجَكُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِكُمْ  
بِسِحْرِهِ ۖ فَمَاذَا تَأْمُرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾ قَالُوا أَرْجِهْ وَأَخَاهُ ۖ وَابْعَثْ  
فِي الْمَدَائِنِ حَاشِرِينَ ﴿٥١﴾ يَا تَوَكُّلْ بِكُلِّ سَحَّارٍ عَلِيمٍ ﴿٥٢﴾  
فَجُمِعَ السَّحَرَةُ لِمِيقَاتِ يَوْمٍ مَّعْلُومٍ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَقِيلَ

لِلنَّاسِ

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لِلنَّاسِ هَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُجْتَمِعُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾ لَعَلَّنَا نَتَّبِعُ السَّحَرَةَ  
 إِنْ كَانُوا هُمُ الْغَالِبِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾ فَلَمَّا جَاءَ السَّحَرَةُ قَالُوا  
 لِفِرْعَوْنَ أَإِنَّا لَنَأَجِزُكَ إِن كُنَّا نَحْنُ الْغَالِبِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾  
 قَالَ نَعَمْ وَإِنَّكُمْ إِذَا لَبِثَ الْبُقَرَّبِينَ ﴿٤١﴾ قَالَ لَهُمْ مُوسَى  
 أَلْقُوا مَا أَنْتُمْ مُلْقُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ فَأَلْقَوْا حِبَالَهُمْ وَعِصِيَّهُمْ  
 وَقَالُوا بِعِزَّةِ فِرْعَوْنَ إِنَّا لَنَحْنُ الْغَالِبُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾ فَأُلْقِيَ  
 مُوسَى عَصَاهُ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَلْقَفُ مَا يَأْفِكُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾ فَأُلْقِيَ  
 السَّحَرَةُ سُجُودِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾ قَالُوا آمَنَّا بِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾  
 رَبِّ مُوسَى وَهَارُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾ قَالَ آمَنْتُمْ لَهُ قَبْلَ أَنْ  
 آذَنَ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ لَكَبِيرُكُمُ الَّذِي عَلَّمَكُمُ السِّحْرَ  
 فَلَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ هَلْ أَقْطَعَنَّ أَيْدِيَكُمْ وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ مِنْ  
 خِلَافٍ وَلَا وَصْلَ بَيْنَكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾ قَالُوا لَا ضَرَرَ  
 إِنَّا إِلَى رَبِّنَا مُنْقَلِبُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ إِنَّا نَطْمَعُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ لَنَا

“Will you join the gathering, 40. so that we may follow the magicians if they prevail?”

#### *Moses and the Magicians Face off*

41. When the magicians came, they asked Pharaoh, “Shall we have a ‘suitable’ reward if we prevail?”

42. He replied, “Yes, and you will then certainly be among those closest to me.” 43. Moses said to them, “Cast whatever you wish to cast.”

44. So they east down their ropes and staffs, saying, “By Pharaoh’s might, it is we who will surely prevail.” 45. Then Moses threw down his staff, and—behold!—it devoured the objects of their illusion!

#### *Magicians Become Believers*

46. So the magicians fell down, prostrating. 47. They declared, “We ‘now’ believe in the Lord of all worlds— 48. the Lord of Moses and Aaron.” 49. Pharaoh threatened, “How dare you believe in him before I give you permission? He must be your master who taught you magic, but soon you will see. I will certainly cut off your hands and feet on opposite sides, then crucify you all.”

50. They responded, “That would be no harm! Surely to our Lord we will ‘all’ return. 51. We really hope that our Lord will forgive our sins,

as we are the first to believe.”

### Pharaoh Chases the Israelites

52. And We inspired Moses, ‘saying,’ “Leave with My servants at night, for you will surely be pursued.” 53. Then Pharaoh sent mobilizers to all cities, 54. ‘and said,’ “These ‘outcasts’ are just a handful of people, 55. who have really enraged us, 56. but we are all on the alert.” 57. So We lured the tyrants<sup>743</sup> out of ‘their’ gardens, springs, 58. treasures, and splendid residences. 59. So it was. And We awarded it ‘all’ to the Children of Israel.

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60. And so they pursued them at sunrise. 61. When the two groups came face to face, the companions of Moses cried out, “We are overtaken for sure.” 62. Moses reassured ‘them’, “Absolutely not! My Lord is certainly with me—He will guide me.” 63. So We inspired Moses: “Strike the sea with your staff,” and the sea was split, each part was like a huge mountain. 64. We drew the pursuers to that place, 65. and delivered Moses and those with him all together. 66. Then We drowned the others. 67. Surely in this is a sign.

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رَبَّنَا خَطِينًا أَنْ كُنَّا أَوَّلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۖ وَأَوْحَيْنَا  
إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ أَنْ أَسْرِ بِعِبَادِي إِنَّكَ مُتَّبَعُونَ ۖ  
فَارْسَلْ فِرْعَوْنَ فِي الْمَدَائِنِ حَاشِرِينَ ۚ إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ  
لَشُرُذِمَةٌ قَلِيلُونَ ۖ وَإِنَّهُمْ لَنَا لَغَائِطُونَ ۚ وَ  
إِنَّا لَجَمِيعٌ حَذِرُونَ ۖ فَأَخْرَجْنَاهُمْ مِّنْ جَدَّتِ  
وَعُيُونٍ ۖ وَكُنُوزٍ وَمَقَامٍ كَرِيمٍ ۚ كَذَلِكَ  
وَأَوْرَثْنَاهَا بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ ۖ فَاتَّبَعُوهُمْ مُّشْرِقِينَ ۖ  
فَلَمَّا تَرَاءَ الْجَمْعَانِ قَالَ أَصْحَابُ مُوسَىٰ إِنَّا لَمُدْرَكُونَ ۖ  
قَالَ كَلَّا إِنَّ مَعِيَ رَبِّي سَيَهْدِينِ ۖ فَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ  
مُوسَىٰ أَنْ اضْرِبْ بِعَصَاكَ الْبَحْرَ ۖ فَانْفَلَقَ فَكَانَ  
كُلُّ فِرْقٍ كَالصَّوْدِ الْعَظِيمِ ۖ وَارْتَفَعَتِ الْآخَرِينَ ۖ  
وَأَنْجَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ وَمَنْ مَّعَهُ أَجْمَعِينَ ۖ ثُمَّ أَغْرَقْنَا  
الْآخَرِينَ ۖ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً ۖ وَمَا كَانَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ

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مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٦٨﴾ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٦٩﴾  
 عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ﴿٧٠﴾ إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ وَقَوْمِهِ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٧١﴾  
 قَالُوا نَعْبُدُ أَصْنَامًا فَنَظَّلُ لَهَا عَافِيَيْنِ ﴿٧٢﴾ قَالَ هَلْ  
 يَسْمَعُونَكُمْ إِذْ تَدْعُونَ ﴿٧٣﴾ أَوْ يَنْفَعُونَكُمْ أَوْ يَضُرُّونَ ﴿٧٤﴾  
 قَالُوا بَلْ وَجَدْنَا آبَاءَنَا كَذَلِكَ يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾ قَالَ  
 أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٧٦﴾ أَنْتُمْ وَأَبَاؤُكُمْ  
 الْأَقْدَمُونَ ﴿٧٧﴾ فَإِنَّهُمْ عَدُوٌّ لِي إِلَّا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٧٨﴾  
 الَّذِي خَلَقَنِي فَهُوَ يَهْدِينِ ﴿٧٩﴾ وَالَّذِي هُوَ يُطْعِمُنِي  
 وَيَسْقِينِ ﴿٨٠﴾ وَإِذَا مَرِضْتُ فَهُوَ يَشْفِينِ ﴿٨١﴾ وَالَّذِي  
 يُسَيِّئُ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيهِ ﴿٨٢﴾ وَالَّذِي أَطْعَمُنِي أَنْ يَقْعُرَنِي  
 خُطِيئَتِي يَوْمَ الدِّينِ ﴿٨٣﴾ رَبِّ هَبْ لِي حُكْمًا وَالْحَقِّقْنِي  
 بِالصَّلَاحِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾ وَاجْعَلْ لِي لِسَانَ صِدْقٍ فِي  
 الْآخِرِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنْ وَرَثَةِ جَنَّةِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٨٦﴾

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Yet most of them would not believe.  
 68. And your Lord is certainly the  
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### Prophet Abraham

69. Relate to them 'O Prophet' the  
 story of Abraham, 70. when he  
 questioned his father and his people,  
 "What is that you worship 'besides  
 Allah'?" 71. They replied, "We wor-  
 ship idols, to which we are fully de-  
 voted." 72. Abraham asked, "Can  
 they hear you when you call upon  
 them? 73. Or can they benefit or  
 harm you?" 74. They replied, "No!  
 But we found our forefathers doing  
 the same." 75. Abraham respond-  
 ed, "Have you 'really' considered  
 what you have been worshipping—  
 76. you and your ancestors? 77. They  
 are 'all' enemies to me, except the  
 Lord of all worlds. 78. 'He is' the  
 One Who created me, and He 'alone'  
 guides me. 79. 'He is' the One Who  
 provides me with food and drink.  
 80. And He 'alone' heals me when I  
 am sick. 81. And He 'is the One Who'  
 will cause me to die, and then bring  
 me back to life. 82. And He is 'the  
 One' Who, I hope, will forgive my  
 flaws<sup>744</sup> on Judgment Day."

### Abraham's Prayer

83. "My Lord! Grant me wisdom, and  
 join me with the righteous. 84. Bless  
 me with honourable mention among

later generations.<sup>745</sup> 85. Make me one of those awarded the Garden of Bliss.

744 It is reported in an authentic narration collected by At-Tirmizi that Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said that Abraham (عليه السلام) did not tell the full truth only on three different occasions: when he justified his absence from the pagan festival by saying 'I am really sick' (see 37:89), and when he destroyed the idols and blamed it on the biggest one (see 21:63), and when he said that Sarah was his sister to save her from a tyrant ruler.

745 On a daily basis, Muslims invoke Allah's blessings upon Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) and his family and Prophet Abraham (عليه السلام) and his family, in both obligatory and optional prayers.

86. Forgive my father, for he is certainly one of the misguided. 87. And do not disgrace me on the Day all will be resurrected— 88. the Day when neither wealth nor children will be of any benefit. 89. Only those who come before Allah with a pure heart 'will be saved'.<sup>746</sup>

### Judgment Day

90. 'On that Day' Paradise will be brought near to the God-fearing, 91. and the Hellfire will be displayed to the deviant. 92. And it will be said to them, "Where are those you used to worship 93. besides Allah? Can they help you or even help themselves?" 94. Then the idols will be hurled headlong into Hell, along with the deviant 95. and the soldiers of *Iblis*,<sup>747</sup> all together. 96. There the deviant will cry while disputing with their idols, 97. "By Allah! We were clearly mistaken, 98. when we made you equal to the Lord of all worlds. 99. And none led us astray other than the wicked. 100. Now we have none to intercede for us, 101. nor a close friend. 102. If only we could have a second chance, then we would be believers." 103. Surely in this is a sign. Yet most of them would not believe. 104. And your Lord is certainly the Almighty, Most Merciful.

### Prophet Noah

105. The people of Noah rejected the messengers<sup>748</sup> 106. when their brother

وَاعْفُرْ لِي يَا رَبِّي إِنَّهُ كَانَ مِنَ الصَّالِّينَ ﴿٨٦﴾ وَلَا تُخْزِنِي يَوْمَ يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾ يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ مَالٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾ إِلَّا مَنْ أَتَى اللَّهَ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ ﴿٨٩﴾ وَأُزْلِفَتِ الْجَنَّةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٩٠﴾ وَبُرِزَتِ الْجَحِيمُ لِلْغَاوِينَ ﴿٩١﴾ وَقِيلَ لَهُمْ إِنَّمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٩٢﴾ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ هَلْ يَتَصَرَّوْنَ كُمْ أَوْ يَنْتَصِرُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾ فَكَبِكُوا فِيهَا هُمْ وَالْغَاوُونَ ﴿٩٤﴾ وَجُنُودُ إِبْلِيسَ أَجْمَعُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾ قَالُوا وَهُمْ فِيهَا يَخْتَصِمُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾ تَاللَّهِ إِنْ كُنَّا لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٩٧﴾ إِذْ نُسَوِّكُمْ بِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٩٨﴾ وَمَا أَضَلَّنَا إِلَّا الْمُجْرِمُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾ فَمَا لَنَا مِنْ شَافِعِينَ ﴿١٠٠﴾ وَلَا صَدِيقٍ حَمِيمٍ ﴿١٠١﴾ فَلَوْ أَنَّ لَنَا كَرَّةً فَنَكُونُ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٠٢﴾ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً ط وَمَا كَانَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٠٣﴾ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٠٤﴾ كَذَّبَتْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿١٠٥﴾ إِذْ قَالَ

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746 A pure and sound heart is that of the believer, compared to that of the disbeliever and the hypocrite.

747 *Iblis* was the name of Satan before his fall from grace. See footnote for 2:34.

748 Denying Noah (نوح) was equal to denying all of Allah's messengers.

لَهُمْ أَخُوهُمْ نُوحٌ أَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ١٠٧ إِنِّي لَكُمْ رَسُولٌ  
 أَمِينٌ ١٠٨ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا ١٠٩ وَمَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ  
 مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ١١٠ فَاتَّقُوا  
 اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا ١١١ قَالُوا أَنْتُمْ مِنْ لَكَ وَاتَّبَعَكَ  
 الْأَرْذَلُونَ ١١٢ قَالَ وَمَا عَلَيَّ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ١١٣  
 إِنْ حِسَابُهُمْ إِلَّا عَلَى رَبِّي لَوْ تَشْعُرُونَ ١١٤ وَمَا أَنَا  
 بِطَارِدِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ١١٥ إِنْ أَنَا إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ١١٦ قَالُوا  
 لَئِنْ لَمْ تَنْتَهِ يَنُوحُ لَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمَرْجُومِينَ ١١٧ قَالَ  
 رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي كَذَّبُونِ ١١٨ فَافْتَحْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَهُمْ فَتْحًا  
 وَنَجِّنِي وَمَنْ مَعِيَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ١١٩ فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُ  
 وَمَنْ مَعَهُ فِي الْفُلِّ الْمَشْحُونِ ١٢٠ ثُمَّ أَغْرَقْنَا بَعْدُ  
 الْبَاقِينَ ١٢١ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً ١٢٢ وَمَا كَانَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ  
 مُؤْمِنِينَ ١٢٣ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ١٢٤ كَذَّبَتْ

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↑ Noah said to them, "Will you not fear 'Allah'? 107. I am truly a trustworthy messenger to you. 108. So fear Allah, and obey me. 109. I do not ask you for any reward for this 'message'. My reward is only from the Lord of all worlds. 110. So fear Allah, and obey me." 111. They argued, "How can we believe in you, when you are followed 'only' by the lowest of the low?" 112. He responded, "And what knowledge do I have of what they do? 113. Their judgment is with my Lord, if you had any sense! 114. I am not going to expel the believers. 115. I am only sent with a clear warning."

#### Noah's People Destroyed

116. They threatened, "If you do not desist, O Noah, you will surely be stoned 'to death'." 117. Noah prayed, "My Lord! My people have truly rejected me. 118. So judge between me and them decisively, and save me and the believers with me." 119. So We saved him and those with him in the fully loaded Ark. 120. Then afterwards We drowned the rest. 121. Surely in this is a sign. Yet most of them would not believe. 122. And your Lord is certainly the Almighty, Most Merciful.

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## Prophet Hūd

123. The people of 'Ād rejected the messenger s124. when their brother Hūd said to them, "Will you not fear 'Allah"? 125. I am truly a trustworthy messenger to you. 126. So fear Allah, and obey me. 127. I do not ask you for any reward for this 'message'. My reward is only from the Lord of all worlds. 128. "Why" do you build a landmark on every high place in vanity, 129. and construct castles, as if you are going to live forever, 130. and act so viciously when you attack 'others'? 131. So fear Allah, and obey me. 132. Fear the One Who has provided you with 'the good' things you know: 133. He provided you with cattle, and children, 134. and gardens, and springs. 135. I truly fear for you the torment of a tremendous day."

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136. They responded, "It is all the same to us whether you warn 'us' or not. 137. This is simply the tradition of our predecessors. 138. And we will never be punished." 139. So they rejected him, and "so" We destroyed them. Surely in this is a sign. Yet most of them would not believe. 140. And your Lord is certainly the Almighty, Most Merciful.

عَادِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ۚ إِذْ قَالَ لَهُمْ أَخُوهُمْ هُودٌ أَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ۚ إِنِّي لَكُمْ رَسُولٌ أَمِينٌ ۖ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا ۖ وَمَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِنْ أَجَرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۚ أَتَبْنُونَ بِكُلِّ رِيعٍ آيَةً تَعْبَثُونَ ۖ وَتَتَّخِذُونَ مَصَانِعَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَخْلُدُونَ ۚ وَإِذَا بَطِشْتُمْ بَطِشْتُمْ جَبَّارِينَ ۚ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاطِيعُونَ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا الَّذِي أَمَدَّكُمْ بِمَا تَعْلَمُونَ ۚ أَمَدَّكُمْ بِأَنْعَامٍ وَبَنِينَ ۚ وَجَنَّاتٍ وَעُيُونٍ ۚ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ۚ قَالُوا سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْنَا أَوَعَضْتَ أَمْ لَمْ تَكُنْ مِنَ الْوَاعِظِينَ ۚ إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا خُلُقُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ۚ وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمُعَذَّبِينَ ۚ فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَهْلَكْنَاهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً ۖ وَمَا كَانَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ۚ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ۚ كَذَّبَتْ

## Prophet Sâlih

141. The people of Thamûd rejected the messengers 142. when their brother Sâlih said to them, "Will you not fear 'Allah'? 143. I am truly a trustworthy messenger to you. 144. So fear Allah, and obey me. 145. I do not ask you for any reward for this 'message'. My reward is only from the Lord of all worlds. 146. Do you think you will be 'forever' left secure in what you have here: 147. amid gardens and springs, 148. and 'various' crops, and palm trees 'loaded' with tender fruit; 149. to carve homes in the mountains with great skill? 150. So fear Allah, and obey me. 151. And do not follow the command of the transgressors, 152. who spread corruption throughout the land, never setting things right."

## Sâlih's People Destroyed

153. They replied, "You are simply bewitched! 154. You are only a human being like us, so bring forth a sign if what you say is true." 155. Sâlih said, "Here is a camel. She will have her turn to drink as you have yours, each on an appointed day. 156. And do not ever touch her with harm, or you will be overtaken by the torment of a tremendous day." 157. But they killed her, becoming regretful. 158. So the punishment overtook them.

ثُمَّ دُوحُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ۖ إِذْ قَالَ لَهُمْ أَخُوهُمْ صَالِحٌ أَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ۚ إِنِّي لَكُمْ رَسُولٌ أَمِينٌ ۖ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا أَمْرِي ۚ وَمَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ ۖ إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۚ أَتُتْرَكُونَ فِي مَا هُمْنَا أَمِينٌ ۚ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ ۚ وَزُرُوعٍ وَنَخْلٍ طَلْعُهَا هَضِيمٌ ۚ وَتَنْحِتُونَ مِنَ الْجِبَالِ بُيُوتًا فَرِهِينَ ۚ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا أَمْرِي ۚ وَلَا تُطِيعُوا أَمْرَ الْمُسْرِفِينَ ۚ الَّذِينَ يُفْسِدُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا يُصْلِحُونَ ۚ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مِنَ الْمُسَحَّرِينَ ۚ مَا أَنْتَ إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُنَا ۖ فَأْتِ بَآيَةٍ إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ۚ قَالَ هَذِهِ نَاقَةٌ ۖ لَهَا شَرْبٌ وَلَكُمْ شَرْبٌ يَوْمَ مَعْلُومٍ ۚ وَلَا تَمَسُّوهَا بِسُوءٍ فَيَأْخُذَكُمْ عَذَابُ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ۚ فَعَقَرُوهَا فَاصْبَحُوا نَدِيمِينَ ۚ فَأَخَذَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ ۖ

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Surely in this is a sign. Yet most of them would not believe. 159. And your Lord is certainly the Almighty, Most Merciful.

### Prophet Lot

160. The people of Lot rejected the messengers 161. when their brother Lot said to them, "Will you not fear 'Allah'? 162. I am truly a trustworthy messenger to you. 163. So fear Allah, and obey me. 164. I do not ask you for any reward for this 'message'. My reward is only from the Lord of all worlds. 165. Why do you 'men' lust after fellow men,<sup>750</sup> 166. leaving the wives that your Lord has created for you? In fact, you are a transgressing people."

### Lot's People Destroyed

167. They threatened, "If you do not desist, O Lot, you will surely be expelled." 168. Lot responded, "I am truly one of those who despise your 'shameful' practice. 169. My Lord! Save me and my family from 'the consequences of' what they do." 170. So We saved him and all of his family, 171. except an old woman,<sup>751</sup> who was one of the doomed. 172. Then We utterly destroyed the rest, 173. pouring upon them a rain 'of brimstone'. How evil was the rain of those who had been warned! 174. Surely in this is a sign. Yet most of them would not believe.

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً ۖ وَمَا كَانَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٥٩﴾ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٦٠﴾ كَذَّبَتْ قَوْمُ لُوطٍ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿١٦١﴾ إِذْ قَالَ لَهُمْ أَخُوهُمْ لُوطُ أَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٦٢﴾ إِنِّي لَكُمْ رَسُولٌ أَمِينٌ ﴿١٦٣﴾ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا أَمْرِي ﴿١٦٤﴾ وَمَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ ۖ إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٦٥﴾ أَتَأْتُونَ الذَّكَرَانَ مِنَ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٦٦﴾ وَتَذَرُونَ مَا خَلَقَ لَكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ ۖ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ عَادُونَ ﴿١٦٧﴾ قَالُوا لَئِنْ لَمْ تَنْتَهِ يَلُوطُ لَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُخْرَجِينَ ﴿١٦٨﴾ قَالَ إِنِّي لِعَمَلِكُمْ مِنَ الْقَالِينَ ﴿١٦٩﴾ رَبِّ نَجِّنِي وَأَهْلِي مِمَّا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٧٠﴾ فَنجَّيْنَاهُ وَأَهْلَهُ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٧١﴾ إِلَّا عَجُوزًا فِي الْغَابِرِينَ ﴿١٧٢﴾ ثُمَّ دَمَرْنَا الْأَمْرِئِينَ ﴿١٧٣﴾ وَآمَظَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ مَطَرًا ۖ فَسَاءَ مَطَرُ الْمُنْذَرِينَ ﴿١٧٤﴾ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً ۖ وَمَا كَانَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٧٥﴾ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهُوَ

750 lit., men of the world.

751 Lot's wife, who betrayed her husband.



رَبِّكَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ١٧٥ كَذَّبَ أَصْحَابُ لُيْكَةَ  
 الْمُرْسَلِينَ ١٧٦ إِذْ قَالَ لَهُمْ شُعَيْبٌ أَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ١٧٧  
 إِنِّي لَكُمْ رَسُولٌ أَمِينٌ ١٧٨ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا ١٧٩  
 وَمَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِنْ أَجِرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى رَبِّ  
 الْعَالَمِينَ ١٨٠ أَوْفُوا الْكَيْلَ وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُخْسِرِينَ ١٨١  
 وَزِنُوا بِالْقِسْطَاسِ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ ١٨٢ وَلَا تَبْخَسُوا النَّاسَ  
 أَشْيَاءَهُمْ وَلَا تَعْتُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ ١٨٣ وَاتَّقُوا  
 الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالْجِيلَ الْأَوَّلِينَ ١٨٤ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا  
 أَنْتَ مِنَ الْمُسَحَّرِينَ ١٨٥ وَمَا أَنْتَ إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُنَا  
 وَإِنْ نَظُنُّكَ لِمَنِ الْكُذِبِ ١٨٦ فَاسْقِطْ عَلَيْنَا كِسْفًا  
 مِنَ السَّمَاءِ إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ١٨٧ قَالَ رَبِّ  
 أَعْلَمْ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ١٨٨ فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَخَذَهُمْ عَذَابٌ  
 يَوْمَ الظُّلَّةِ ١٨٩ إِنَّهُ كَانَ عَذَابٌ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ١٩٠

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175. And your Lord is certainly the Almighty, Most Merciful.

### Prophet Shu'aib

176. The residents of the Forest rejected the messengers 177. when Shu'aib said to them,<sup>752</sup> "Will you not fear 'Allah'? 178. I am truly a trustworthy messenger to you. 179. So fear Allah, and obey me. 180. I do not ask you for any reward for this 'message'. My reward is only from the Lord of all worlds. 181. Give full measure, and cause no loss 'to others'. 182. Weigh with an even balance, 183. and do not defraud people of their property. Nor go about spreading corruption in the land. 184. And fear the One Who created you and 'all' earlier peoples."

### Shu'aib's People Destroyed

185. They replied, "You are simply bewitched! 186. Also, you are only a human being like us, and we think you are indeed a liar. 187. So cause 'deadly' pieces of the sky to fall upon us, if what you say is true." 188. Shu'aib responded, "My Lord knows best whatever you do." 189. So they rejected him, and 'so' were overtaken by the torment of the day of the 'deadly' cloud.<sup>753</sup> That was really a torment of a tremendous day. 190. Surely

752 Unlike other prophets in this sūrah who are identified as the brothers of fellow tribesmen, Shu'aib is not identified as the brother of the people of the *Aykah* (which is the name of the forest where they used to worship a particular tree) because they are identified by faith, rather than a tribal connection.

753 They were targeted by scorching heat, so they did not know where to go. Finally, a soothing cloud appeared in the sky, so they rushed to it for shade, then the cloud rained torment upon them, as they had requested.

in this is a sign. Yet most of them would not believe. 191. And your Lord is certainly the Almighty, Most Merciful.

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192. This is certainly a revelation from the Lord of all worlds, 193. which the trustworthy spirit 'Gabriel' brought down 194. into your heart 'O Prophet'—so that you may be one of the warners— 195. in a clear Arabic tongue. 196. And it has indeed been 'foretold' in the Scriptures of those before. 197. Was it not sufficient proof for the deniers that it has been recognized by the knowledgeable among the Children of Israel?<sup>754</sup> 198. Had We revealed it to a non-Arab, 199. who would then recite it to the deniers 'in fluent Arabic', still they would not have believed in it! 200. This is how We allow denial 'to steep' into the hearts of the wicked. 201. They will not believe in it until they see the painful punishment, 202. which will take them by surprise when they least expect 'it'. 203. Then they will cry, "Can we be allowed more time?"

### Warning to the Meccan Pagans

204. Do they 'really' seek to hasten Our torment? 205. Imagine 'O Prophet' if We allowed them enjoyment for years, 206. then there came to them what they had been threatened with: 207. would that enjoyment be of any benefit to them

فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةٌ ۖ وَمَا كَانَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٩٠﴾  
وَأَنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٩١﴾ وَإِنَّهُ لَتَنْزِيلُ  
رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٩٢﴾ نَزَلَ بِهِ الرُّوحُ الْأَمِينُ ﴿١٩٣﴾ عَلَى  
قَلْبِكَ لِتَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُنذِرِينَ ﴿١٩٤﴾ بِلِسَانٍ عَرَبِيٍّ  
مُّبِينٍ ﴿١٩٥﴾ وَإِنَّهُ لَفِي زُبُرِ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿١٩٦﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَكُنْ  
لَهُمْ آيَةٌ أَنْ يَعْلَمَهُ عُلَمَاءُ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ ﴿١٩٧﴾ وَلَوْ  
نَزَّلْنَاهُ عَلَى بَعْضِ الْأَعْجَمِينَ ﴿١٩٨﴾ فَقَرَأَهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا  
كَانُوا بِهِ مُّؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٩٩﴾ كَذَلِكَ سَلَكْنَاهُ فِي قُلُوبِ  
الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٢٠٠﴾ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ حَتَّى يَرَوْا الْعَذَابَ  
الْأَلِيمَ ﴿٢٠١﴾ فَيَأْتِيَهُمْ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٢٠٢﴾  
فَيَقُولُوا هَلْ نَحْنُ مُنْظَرُونَ ﴿٢٠٣﴾ أَفَبِعَدَابِنَا  
يَسْتَعْجِلُونَ ﴿٢٠٤﴾ أَفَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ مَتَّعْنَاهُمْ سِنِينَ ﴿٢٠٥﴾ ثُمَّ  
جَاءَهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يُوعَدُونَ ﴿٢٠٦﴾ مَا أَغْنَى عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا

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يُسْتَعُونَ ﴿٢٠٨﴾ وَمَا أَهْلَكْنَا مِنْ قَرِيَةٍ إِلَّا لَهَا مُنْذِرُونَ ﴿٢٠٩﴾  
 ذِكْرِي تَمْحُومًا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٢١٠﴾ وَمَا تَنْزَلَتْ بِهِ الشَّيَاطِينُ ﴿٢١١﴾  
 وَمَا يَنْبَغِي لَهُمْ وَمَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ ﴿٢١٢﴾ إِنَّهُمْ عَنِ السَّمْعِ  
 لَمَعْرُوُونَ ﴿٢١٣﴾ فَلَا تَدْعُ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ فَتَكُونَ  
 مِنَ الْمُعَذِّبِينَ ﴿٢١٤﴾ وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ ﴿٢١٥﴾  
 وَاخْضَعْ جَنَاحَكَ لِمَنْ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢١٦﴾  
 فَإِنْ عَصَوْكَ فَقُلْ إِنَّي بِرَبِّي مِمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢١٧﴾ وَتَوَكَّلْ  
 عَلَى الْعَزِيزِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٢١٨﴾ الَّذِي يَرِيكَ حِينَ تَقُومُ ﴿٢١٩﴾  
 وَتَقْلُبُكَ فِي السُّجُودِ ﴿٢٢٠﴾ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٢٢١﴾  
 هَلْ أُنَبِّئُكُمْ عَلَىٰ مَنْ تَنْزَلُ الشَّيَاطِينُ ﴿٢٢٢﴾ تَنْزَلُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ  
 آفَاكٍ أَثِيمٍ ﴿٢٢٣﴾ يُلْقُونَ السَّمْعَ وَأَكْثُهُمْ كَذِبُونَ ﴿٢٢٤﴾  
 وَالشَّعْرَاءُ يُتَّبِعُهُمُ الْغَاوُونَ ﴿٢٢٥﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّهُمْ فِي كُلِّ  
 وَادٍ يَهِيمُونَ ﴿٢٢٦﴾ وَأَنَّهُمْ يَقُولُونَ مَا لَا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٢٢٧﴾

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'at all'? 208. We have never destroyed a society without warners 209. to remind 'them', for We would never wrong 'anyone'.

### The Quran Is Allah's Word

210. It was not the devils who brought this 'Quran' down: 211. it is not for them 'to do so', nor can they, 212. for they are strictly barred from 'even' overhearing 'it'.<sup>755</sup>

### Advice to the Prophet

213. So do not ever call upon any other god besides Allah, or you will be one of the punished. 214. And warn 'all, starting with' your closest relatives, 215. and be gracious to the believers who follow you. 216. But if they disobey you, say, "I am certainly free of what you do." 217. Put your trust in the Almighty, Most Merciful, 218. Who sees you when you rise 'for prayer at night', 219. as well as your movements 'in prayer' along with 'fellow' worshippers. 220. He 'alone' is indeed the All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

### The Devils

221. Shall I inform you of whom the devils 'actually' descend upon? 222. They descend upon every sinful liar, 223. who gives an 'attentive' ear 'to half-truths', mostly passing on sheer lies.<sup>756</sup>

### The Poets

224. As for poets, they are followed 'merely' by deviants. 225. Do you not see how they rant in every field,<sup>757</sup> 226. only saying what they never do?

755 The devils can no longer eavesdrop on heaven. See 72:8-10.

756 This refers to fortune-tellers who listen to Satanic whispers, adding more lies as they pass on the information to people.

757 lit.. roam aimlessly in every valley.

227. Except those who believe, do good, remember Allah often, and 'poetically' avenge 'the believers' after being wrongfully slandered. The wrongdoers will come to know what 'evil' end they will meet.

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### 27. The Ants (An-Naml)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Qualities of the Believers

1. *Ṭā-Sīn*. These are the verses of the Quran; the clear Book. 2. 'It is' a guide and good news for the believers: 3. 'those' who establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and have sure faith in the Hereafter.

#### Qualities of the Disbelievers

4. As for those who do not believe in the Hereafter, We have certainly made their 'evil' deeds appealing to them, so they wander blindly. 5. It is they who will suffer a dreadful torment, and in the Hereafter they will 'truly' be the greatest losers. 6. And indeed, you 'O Prophet' are receiving the Quran from the One 'Who is' All-Wise, All-Knowing.

#### Moses and the Nine Signs

7. 'Remember' when Moses said to his family, "I have spotted a fire. I will either bring you some directions<sup>758</sup> from there,

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَذَكَرُوا اللَّهَ  
كَثِيرًا وَانْتَصَرُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا ظَلَمُوا وَسَيَعْلَمُ  
الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا أَيَّ مُنْقَلَبٍ يَنْقَلِبُونَ ﴿٢٢٤﴾

﴿٢٢٤﴾ سُوْرَةُ النَّمْلِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿٣٨﴾ ﴿تَوَعَّدْنَاهُمْ﴾  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

طَسَّ تِلْكَ آيَةُ الْقُرْآنِ وَكِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿١﴾  
هُدًى وَبُشْرَى لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢﴾ الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ  
وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٣﴾ إِنَّ  
الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ زِينَةً لَهُمْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فَهُمْ  
يَعْمَهُونَ ﴿٤﴾ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ سُوءُ الْعَذَابِ وَهُمْ  
فِي الْآخِرَةِ هُمُ الْآخَسَرُونَ ﴿٥﴾ وَإِنَّكَ لَتَلْقَى الْقُرْآنَ  
مِنْ لَدُنْ حَكِيمٍ عَلِيمٍ ﴿٦﴾ إِذْ قَالَ مُوسَى لِأَهْلِهِ  
إِنِّي آنَسْتُ نَارًا سَأَتِيكُمْ مِنْهَا بِخَبَرٍ أَوْ آتِيكُمْ

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بِشَهَابٍ قَبَسٍ لَّعَلَّكُمْ تَصْطَلُونَ ﴿٥﴾ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهَا  
 نُودِيَ أَنْ بُورِكَ مَنْ فِي النَّارِ وَمَنْ حَوْلَهَا ط  
 وَسُبْحَنَ اللَّهُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٨﴾ يُمُوسَى إِنَّهُ أَنَا اللَّهُ  
 الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٩﴾ وَأَلْقِ عَصَاكَ ط فَلَمَّا رَأَاهَا تَهْتَزُّ  
 كَأَنَّهَا جَانٌّ وَلَّى مُدْبِرًا وَلَمْ يُعَقِّبْ ط يُمُوسَى  
 لَا تَخَفْ إِنِّي لَا يَخَافُ لَدَيَّ الْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿١٠﴾ إِلَّا  
 مَنْ ظَلَمَ ثُمَّ بَدَّلَ حُسْنًا بَعْدَ سُوءٍ فَإِنِّي غَفُورٌ  
 رَحِيمٌ ﴿١١﴾ وَأَدْخِلْ يَدَكَ فِي جَيْبِكَ تَخْرُجْ بَيْضًا  
 مِنْ غَيْرِ سُوءٍ قَفِي تَسْعُ إِلَيْتِ إِلَى فِرْعَوْنَ وَقَوْمِهِ ط  
 إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمًا فَسِقِينَ ﴿١٢﴾ فَلَمَّا جَاءَتْهُمْ آيَاتُنَا  
 مُبْصِرَةً قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿١٣﴾ وَجَحَدُوا بِهَا  
 وَاسْتَيْقَنَتْهَا أَنْفُسُهُمْ ظُلُمًا وَعُلوًا ط فَانْظُرْ  
 كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿١٤﴾ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ

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or a burning torch so you may warm yourselves.” 8. But when he came to it, he was called ‘by Allah’, “Blessed is the one at the fire, and whoever is around it!”<sup>759</sup> Glory be to Allah, the Lord of all worlds. 9. O Moses! It is truly I. I am Allah—the Almighty, All-Wise. 10. Now, throw down your staff!” But when he saw it slithering like a snake, he ran away without looking back. ‘Allah reassured him,’ “O Moses! Do not be afraid! Messengers should have no fear in My presence. 11. ‘Fear is’ only for those who do wrong. But if they later mend ‘their’ evil ‘ways’ with good, then I am certainly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 12. Now put your hand through ‘the opening of’ your collar, it will come out ‘shining’ white, unblemished.”<sup>760</sup> “These are two” of nine signs for Pharaoh and his people.<sup>761</sup> They have truly been a rebellious people.” 13. But when Our enlightening signs came to them, they said, “This is pure magic.” 14. And, although their hearts were convinced the signs were true, they still denied them wrongfully and arrogantly. See then what was the end of the corruptors!

*David and Solomon*

15. Indeed, We granted knowledge to David and Solomon.

759 This refers to the angels who were present around the light.

760 See footnote for 20:22.

761 See footnote for 23:45.

And they said 'in acknowledgment', "All praise is for Allah Who has privileged us over many of His faithful servants."<sup>762</sup> 16. And David was succeeded by Solomon, who said, "O people! We have been taught the language of birds, and been given everything 'we need'. This is indeed a great privilege."

#### *Solomon and the Ant*

17. Solomon's forces of jinn, humans, and birds were rallied for him, perfectly organized. 18. And when they came across a valley of ants, an ant warned, "O ants! Go quickly into your homes so Solomon and his armies do not crush you, unknowingly." 19. So Solomon smiled in amusement at her words, and prayed, "My Lord! Inspire me to 'always' be thankful for Your favours which You have blessed me and my parents with, and to do good deeds that please you. Admit me, by Your mercy, into 'the company of' Your righteous servants."

#### *Solomon and the Hoopoe*

20. 'One day' he inspected the birds, and wondered, "Why is it that I cannot see the hoopoe?"

وَسُلَيْمِنَ عِلْمًا ۚ وَقَالَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي فَضَّلَنَا  
عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِّنْ عِبَادِهِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٥﴾ وَوَرِثَ سُلَيْمِنُ  
دَاوُدَ وَقَالَ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ عَلِمْنَا مَنُطِقَ الطَّيْرِ  
وَأَوْتَيْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ ۚ إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْفَضْلُ  
الْبَهِيمُ ﴿١٦﴾ وَحُشِرَ لِسُلَيْمِنَ جُنُودُهُ مِنَ الْجِنِّ  
وَالِإِنْسِ وَالطَّيْرِ فَهُمْ يُوزَعُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَتَوْا  
عَلَىٰ وَادِ النَّمْلِ ۖ قَالَتْ نَبْلَةٌ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّمْلُ ادْخُلُوا  
مَسْكَنَكُمْ ۚ لَا يَحْطِمَنَّكُمْ سُلَيْمِنُ وَجُنُودُهُ ۖ وَهُمْ  
لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ فَتَّبَسَّمَ صَاحِكًا مِّنْ قَوْلِهَا وَقَالَ  
رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ  
عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ  
وَادْخُلْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ فِي عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٩﴾ وَتَفَقَّدَ  
الطَّيْرَ فَقَالَ مَا لِيَ لَا أَرَى الْهُدْهُدَ ۖ أَمْ كَانَ مِنَ

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<sup>762</sup> The privilege was their ability to communicate with members of the animal kingdom, control the wind, utilize the jinn for their service, etc.

الْغَائِبِينَ ٢٠ لَا عَذَابَ لَهُ عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا أَوَّلًا أَدْبَحَنَّهُ  
 أُولِيَا تَيْتَىٰ بِسُلْطَنِ مُّبِينٍ ٢١ فَمَكَثَ غَيْرَ بَعِيدٍ  
 فَقَالَ أَحَطْتُ بِمَا لَمْ تَحْطُ بِهِ وَجِئْتُكَ مِنْ سَبَإٍ بِنَا  
 يَّقِينٍ ٢٢ إِنِّي وَجَدْتُ امْرَأَةً تَمْلِكُهُمْ وَأُوتِيَتْ مِنْ  
 كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَلَهَا عَرْشٌ عَظِيمٌ ٢٣ وَجَدْتُهَا وَقَوْمَهَا  
 يَسْجُدُونَ لِلشَّمْسِ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَزَيْنَ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ  
 أَعْمَالَهُمْ فَصَدَّهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ فَهُمْ لَا يَهْتَدُونَ ٢٤  
 أَلَا يَسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي يُخْرِجُ الْخَبَاءَ فِي السَّمُوتِ  
 وَالْأَرْضِ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تُخْفُونَ وَمَا تُعْلِنُونَ ٢٥ اللَّهُ  
 لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ ٢٦ قَالَ سَنُنْظُرُ  
 أَصَدَقْتَ أَمْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الْكَاذِبِينَ ٢٧ إِذْ هَبَّ بِكِتَابِي  
 هَذَا فَأَلْقَاهُ إِلَيْهِمْ ثُمَّ تَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ فَانْظُرْ مَاذَا  
 يَرْجِعُونَ ٢٨ قَالَتْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْمَلَأُ إِنِّي أُلْقِيَ إِلَيَّ كِتَابٌ

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Or could he be absent? 21. I will surely subject him to a severe punishment, or 'even' slaughter him, unless he brings me a compelling excuse." 22. It was not long before the bird came and said, "I have found out something you do not know. I have just come to you from Sheba with sure news. 23. Indeed, I found a woman ruling over them,<sup>763</sup> who has been given everything 'she needs', and who has a magnificent throne. 24. I found her and her people prostrating to the sun instead of Allah. For Satan has made their deeds appealing to them—hindering them from the 'Right' Way and leaving them unguided— 25. so they do not prostrate to Allah, Who brings forth what is hidden in the heavens and the earth, and knows what you 'all' conceal and what you reveal. 26. 'He is' Allah! There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him, the Lord of the Mighty Throne."

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#### Solomon's Letter

27. Solomon said, "We will see whether you are telling the truth or lying. 28. Go with this letter of mine and deliver it to them, then stand aside and see how they will respond." 29. The Queen 'later' announced, "O chiefs! Indeed, a noble letter has been delivered

to me. 30. It is from Solomon, and it reads: 'In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful. 31. Do not be arrogant with me, but come to me, fully submitting 'to Allah'.'"

#### The Queen's Response

32. She said, "O chiefs! Advise me in this matter of mine, for I would never make any decision without you." 33. They responded, "We are a people of strength and great 'military' might, but the decision is yours, so decide what you will command." 34. She reasoned, "Indeed, when kings invade a land, they ruin it and debase its nobles. They really do so! 35. But I will certainly send him a gift, and see what 'response' my envoys will return with."<sup>764</sup>

#### Solomon's Response

36. When the chief-envoy came to him, Solomon said, "Do you offer me wealth? What Allah has granted me is far greater than what He has granted you. No! It is you who rejoice in 'receiving' gifts. 37. Go back to them, for we will certainly mobilize against them forces which they can never resist, and we will drive them out from there in disgrace, fully humbled."<sup>765</sup>

#### The Queen's Throne

38. Solomon asked, "O chiefs!

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كَرِيمٌ ٢٩ إِنَّهُ مِنْ سُلَيْمَانَ وَإِنَّهُ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ  
الرَّحِيمِ ٣٠ أَلَا تَعْلَمُونَ عَلَىٰ وَأَتُونِي مُسْلِمِينَ ٣١ قَالَتْ  
يَا أَيُّهَا الْمَلَأُ أَفْتُونِي فِي أَمْرِي ۚ مَا كُنْتُ قَاطِعَةً  
أَمْرًا حَتَّىٰ تَشْهَدُونِ ٣٢ قَالُوا نَحْنُ أَوْلُوا قُوَّةً وَأَوْلُوا  
بَأْسٍ شَدِيدٍ ٣٣ وَالْأَمْرُ إِلَيْكِ فَانْظُرِي مَاذَا تَأْمُرِينَ ٣٤  
قَالَتْ إِنَّ الْمُلُوكَ إِذَا دَخَلُوا قَرْيَةً أَفْسَدُوهَا وَ  
جَعَلُوا أَعِزَّةَ أَهْلِهَا أَذِلَّةً ۚ وَكَذَلِكَ يَفْعَلُونَ ٣٥  
وَإِنِّي مُرْسِلَةٌ إِلَيْهِمْ بِهَدِيَّةٍ فَنَظِرَةٌ بِمِمْ يَرْجِعُ  
الْمُرْسَلُونَ ٣٦ فَلَمَّا جَاءَ سُلَيْمَانَ قَالَ أَتُمِدُّوْنَ  
بِمَالِ زُفْمَا اثْنَيْنِ ۚ اللَّهُ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا تُشْكُمُ ۚ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ  
بِهَدِيَّتِكُمْ تَفْرَحُونَ ٣٧ ارْجِعْ إِلَيْهِمْ فَلَنَأْتِيَنَّهُمْ  
بِجُنُودٍ لَّا قَبْلَ لَهُمْ بِهَا وَلَنُخْرِجَنَّهُمْ مِّنْهَا أَذِلَّةً  
وَّهُمْ ضِعْفُونَ ٣٨ قَالَ يَا أَيُّهَا الْمَلَأُ أَيُّكُمْ

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764 She wanted to test Solomon (ﷺ) to see if he was only a king (so he would be satisfied with a tribute) or a prophet (who would only settle with submission to the True God).

765 If they refuse to submit.



يَأْتِينِي بِعَرْشِهَا قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتُونِي مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾ قَالَ  
 عَفَرْتُ مَنِ الْجِنِّ أَنَا أَيْتِيكَ بِهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَقُومَ  
 مِنْ مَقَامِكَ ۚ وَإِنِّي عَلَيْهِ لَقَوِيٌّ أَمِينٌ ﴿٤٠﴾ قَالَ  
 الَّذِي عِنْدَهُ عِلْمٌ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ أَنَا آتِيكَ بِهِ قَبْلَ  
 أَنْ يَرْتَدَّ إِلَيْكَ طَرْفُكَ ۚ فَلَمَّا رَآهُ مُسْتَقَرًّا عِنْدَهُ  
 قَالَ هَذَا مِنْ فَضْلِ رَبِّي لِيَبْلُوَنِي ۚ أَشْكُرَ أَمْ  
 أَكْفُرُ ۚ وَمَنْ شَكَرَ فَإِنَّمَا يَشْكُرُ لِنَفْسِهِ ۚ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ  
 فَإِنَّ رَبِّي غَنِيٌّ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٤١﴾ قَالَ تَكَرَّرُوا لَهَا عَرْشَهَا نَنْظُرَ  
 أَتَهْتَدِي أَمْ تَكُونُ مِنَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَهْتَدُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ فَلَمَّا  
 جَاءَتْ قِيلَ أَهَكَذَا عَرْشُكِ ۖ قَالَتْ كَأَنَّهُ هُوَ ۚ  
 وَأَوْتَيْنَا الْعِلْمَ مِنْ قَبْلِهَا وَكُنَّا مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾ وَصَدَّهَا  
 مَا كَانَتْ تَعْبُدُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ ۖ إِنَّهَا كَانَتْ مِنْ قَوْمٍ  
 كَافِرِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾ قِيلَ لَهَا ادْخُلِي الصَّرْحَ ۚ فَلَمَّا رَأَتْهُ

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Which of you can bring me her throne before they come to me in 'full' submission?"<sup>766</sup> 39. One mighty jinn responded, "I can bring it to you before you rise from this council of yours. And I am quite strong and trustworthy for this 'task'." 40. But the one who had knowledge of the Scripture said,<sup>767</sup> "I can bring it to you in the blink of an eye." So when Solomon saw it placed before him, he exclaimed, "This is by the grace of my Lord to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful. And whoever is grateful, it is only for their own good. But whoever is ungrateful, surely my Lord is Self-Sufficient, Most Generous." 41. 'Then' Solomon said, "Disguise her throne for her so we may see whether she will recognize 'it' or she will not be able to." 42. So when she arrived, it was said 'to her', "Is your throne like this?" She replied, "It looks to be the same. We have 'already' received knowledge 'of Solomon's prophethood'<sup>768</sup> before this 'miracle',<sup>769</sup> and have submitted 'to Allah'." 43. But she had been hindered by what she used to worship instead of Allah, for she was indeed from a disbelieving people.

#### Solomon's Palace

44. Then she was told, "Enter the palace."

766 According to some commentators, the jinn felt Solomon was going to marry the Queen of Sheba so they wanted to discourage him. They said she was naïve, and her legs were hairy. So he tested her as we can see in the next two passages about the throne and the palace.

767 This refers to 'Asif ibn Barkhiya, a knowledgeable and righteous assistant of Solomon.

768 Because he had refused her tribute.

769 Bringing her well-guarded, mighty throne all the way from Sheba, Yemen.

But when she saw the hall, she thought it was a body of water, so she bared her legs. Solomon said, "It is just a palace paved with crystal." "At last" she declared, "My Lord! I have certainly wronged my soul. Now I 'fully' submit myself along with Solomon to Allah, the Lord of all worlds."

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#### Prophet Ṣāliḥ and His People

45. And We certainly sent to the people of Thamūd their brother Ṣāliḥ, proclaiming, "Worship Allah," but they suddenly split into two opposing groups.<sup>770</sup> 46. He urged 'the disbelieving group', "O my people! Why do you 'seek to' hasten the torment<sup>771</sup> rather than grace?<sup>772</sup> If only you sought Allah's forgiveness so you may be shown mercy!" 47. They replied, "You and your followers are a bad omen for us."<sup>773</sup> He responded, "Your omens are destined by Allah. In fact, you are 'only' a people being tested."

#### An Attempt on Ṣāliḥ's Life

48. And there were in the city nine 'elite' men who spread corruption in the land, never doing what is right. 49. They vowed, "Let us swear by Allah that we will take him and his family down by night. Then we will certainly say to his 'closest' heirs, 'We did not witness the murder of his family. We are definitely telling the truth.'"<sup>774</sup> 50. And 'so' they made a plan,

حَسِبْتُهُ لُجَّةً وَكَشَفَتْ عَنْ سَاقِيهَا ۖ قَالَ إِنَّهُ  
صَرْحٌ مُّمَرَّدٌ مِّنْ قَوَارِيرِهِ ۖ قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ  
نَفْسِي وَاسْلَمْتُ مَعَ سُلَيْمَانَ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۖ ﴿٢٣﴾  
وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ شُعُودٍ أَخَاهُمْ صَالِحًا أَنْ  
اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ ۖ فَإِذَا هُمْ فَرِيقَانِ يَخْتَصِمُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾  
قَالَ يَقَوْمِ لِمَ تَسْتَعْجِلُونَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ قَبْلَ  
الْحَسَنَةِ ۚ لَوْلَا تَسْتَغْفِرُونَ اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾  
قَالُوا أَظَلَمْنَا بِكَ وَبَيْنَ مَعَكَ ۖ قَالَ طَئِرُكُمْ  
عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۚ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ تُفْتَنُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَكَانَ فِي  
الْمَدِينَةِ تِسْعَةُ رَهْطٍ يُفْسِدُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
وَلَا يُصْلِحُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ قَالُوا تَقَاسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ لَنُبَيِّتَنَّهُ  
وَأَهْلَهُ ثُمَّ لَنَقُولَنَّ لِوَلِيِّهِ مَا شَهِدْنَا مَهْلِكَ  
أَهْلِهِ وَإِنَّا لَصَادِقُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ وَمَكَرُوا مَكْرًا وَهُمْ كَارُونَ

مَكْرًا

مَكْرًا

770 i.e., believers and disbelievers.

771 lit., the evil

772 lit., the good

773 They were struck with famine, which they blamed on Ṣāliḥ and his followers.

مَكْرًا وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ فَاَنْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ  
 عَاقِبَةُ مَكْرِهِمْ ۖ اَنَا دَمَرْتُهُمْ وَاقْتُلْتُهُمْ جَمِيعًا ﴿٥٢﴾  
 فَبَلَغْتَ يَوْمَهُمْ خَاوِيَةً بِمَا ظَلَمُوا ۗ اِنَّ فِيْ ذٰلِكَ  
 لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَاَنْجَيْنَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا  
 وَكَانُوْا يَتَّقُوْنَ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَلَوْ طَآ اِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ اَتَاْتُوْنَ  
 الْفَاحِشَةَ وَاَنْتُمْ تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ اَيُّكُمْ لَتَاْتُوْنَ الرِّجَالَ  
 شَهْوَةً مِّنْ دُوْنِ النِّسَاءِ ۗ بَلْ اَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ تَجْهَلُوْنَ ﴿٥٦﴾  
 فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِۦ اِلَّا اَنْ قَالُوْا اَخْرِجُوْا اِلَ لُّوْطٍ  
 مِّنْ قَرْيَتِكُمْ ۚ اِنَّهُمْ اُنَاسٌ يَّتَطَهَّرُوْنَ ﴿٥٧﴾ فَاَبْجَيْنَاهُ  
 وَاَهْلَهُ اِلَّا اِمْرَاَتَهُ ۚ قَدْ رَزَمْنَاهَا مِنَ الْغَيْبِ ۖ ﴿٥٨﴾  
 وَاَمْطَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ مَطَرًا ۖ فَسَاءَ مَطَرُ الْمُنْذَرِيْنَ ﴿٥٩﴾  
 قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ وَ سَلَامٌ عَلٰى عِبَادِهِ الَّذِيْنَ  
 اصْطَفٰى ؕ وَاللّٰهُ خَيْرٌ اَمَّا يُشْرِكُوْنَ ﴿٦٠﴾

but We too made a plan, while they were unaware. 51. See then what the consequences of their plan were: We 'utterly' destroyed them and their people all together. 52. So their homes are there, 'but completely' ruined because of their wrongdoing. Surely in this is a lesson for people of knowledge. 53. And We delivered those who were faithful and were mindful 'of Allah'.

#### Prophet Lot and His People

54. And 'remember' Lot, when he rebuked 'the men of' his people, "Do you commit that shameful deed while you can see 'one another'? 55. Do you really lust after men instead of women? In fact, you are 'only' a people acting ignorantly." 56. But his people's only response was to say, "Expel Lot's followers from your land! They are a people who wish to remain chaste!" 57. So We delivered him and his family, except his wife. We had destined her to be one of the doomed. 58. And We poured upon them a rain 'of brimstone'. How evil was the rain of those who had been warned!

#### Questions to the Pagans: 1) Who Is the Creator?

59. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Praise be to Allah, and peace be upon the servants He has chosen." 'Ask the disbelievers,' "Which is better: Allah or whatever 'gods' they associate 'with Him'?"

60. Or 'ask them,' "Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down rain for you from the sky, by which We cause delightful gardens to grow? You could never cause their trees to grow. Was it another god besides Allah? Absolutely not!" But they are a people who set up equals 'to Allah'! 61. Or 'ask them,' "Who made the earth a place of settlement, caused rivers to flow through it, placed firm mountains upon it, and set a barrier between 'fresh and salt' bodies of water?<sup>774</sup> Was it another god besides Allah? Absolutely not!" But most of them do not know.

الْبَحْرَيْنِ ٢٢  
الْعِشْرُونَ (٢٠)

أَمَّنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنَ  
السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ حَدَائِقَ ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ مَا كَانَ  
لَكُمْ أَنْ تُنْبِتُوا شَجَرَهَا ؕ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ قَوْمٌ  
يَعْدِلُونَ ۖ أَمَّنْ جَعَلَ الْأَرْضَ قَرَارًا وَجَعَلَ خِلَالَهَا  
أَنْهَارًا وَجَعَلَ لَهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ  
حَاجِزًا ؕ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۖ أَمَّنْ  
يُجِيبُ الْبُصْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَا وَيُكْشِفُ السُّوءَ وَيَجْعَلُكُمْ  
خُلَفَاءَ الْأَرْضِ ؕ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۖ  
أَمَّنْ يَهْدِيكُمْ فِي ظُلُمَاتِ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَمَنْ  
يُرْسِلُ الرِّيحَ بُشْرًا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ رَحْمَتِهِ ؕ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ  
الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ۖ أَمَّنْ يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ  
ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ وَمَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ ؕ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
مَعَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۖ

قُلْ لَا يَعْلَمُ

مَنْزِلَهُ

## 2) Who Is the Most Gracious?

62. Or 'ask them,' "Who responds to the distressed when they cry to Him, relieving 'their' affliction, and 'Who' makes you successors in the earth? Is it another god besides Allah? Yet you are hardly mindful!" 63. Or 'ask them,' "Who guides you in the darkness of the land and sea,<sup>775</sup> and sends the winds ushering in His mercy?<sup>776</sup> Is it another god besides Allah? Exalted is Allah above what they associate 'with Him'! 64. Or 'ask them,' "Who originates the creation then resurrects it, and gives you provisions from the heavens and the earth? Is it another god besides Allah?" Say, "O Prophet, 'Show 'me' your proof, if what you say is true."

774 See footnote for 25:53.

775 Via the stars and constellations.

776 In the form of rain.

قُلْ لَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ الْغَيْبَ إِلَّا  
 اللَّهُ ۖ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ أَيَّانَ يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ بَلِ ادْرِكَ عِلْمُهُمْ  
 فِي الْآخِرَةِ ۖ بَلْ هُمْ فِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهَا ۖ بَلْ هُمْ عَنْهَا غُمُؤُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾  
 وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِذَا كُنَّا تُرَابًا وَآبَاءُنَا أَيْسًا  
 لِّمُخْرَجُونِ ﴿٥٧﴾ لَقَدْ وَعَدْنَا هَٰذَا نَحْنُ وَآبَاؤُنَا مِن قَبْلُ ۖ  
 إِن هَٰذَا إِلَّا أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾ قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
 فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾ وَلَا تَحْزَنْ عَلَيْهِمْ  
 وَلَا تَكُن فِي ضَيْقٍ مِّمَّا يَمْكُرُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَٰذَا  
 الْوَعْدُ ۖ إِن كُنتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٦١﴾ قُلْ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُونَ رَدِفَ  
 لَكُمْ بَعْضُ الَّذِي تَسْتَعْجِلُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَذُو فَضْلٍ  
 عَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ  
 لَيَعْلَمُ مَا تُكِنُّ صُدُورُهُمْ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾ وَمَا مِنْ غَآيَةٍ  
 فِي السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٦٥﴾ إِنَّ هَٰذَا

*Only Allah Knows the Unseen<sup>777</sup>*

65. Say, 'O Prophet,' "None in the heavens and the earth has knowledge of the unseen except Allah. Nor do they know when they will be resurrected. 66. No! Their knowledge of the Hereafter amounts to ignorance. In fact, they are in doubt about it. In truth, they are 'totally' blind to it.

*Denying Resurrection*

67. The disbelievers ask, "When we and our fathers are reduced to dust, will we really be brought forth 'alive'? 68. We have already been promised this, as well as our forefathers earlier. This is nothing but ancient fables!" 69. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Travel throughout the land and see the fate of the wicked." 70. Do not grieve for them, nor be distressed by their schemes.

*Ridiculing Punishment*

71. They ask 'the believers', "When will this threat come to pass, if what you say is true?" 72. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Perhaps some of what you seek to hasten is close at hand." 73. Surely your Lord is ever Bountiful to humanity,<sup>778</sup> but most of them are ungrateful. 74. And surely your Lord knows what their hearts conceal and what they reveal.<sup>779</sup> 75. For there is nothing hidden in the heavens or the earth without being 'written' in a perfect Record.<sup>780</sup>

777 This passage was revealed when the polytheists asked the Prophet (ﷺ) about the time of the Final Hour.

778 By delaying their punishment and allowing them time to repent.

779 Through their tongues or actions.

780 The Record refers to the Preserved Tablet (*Al-Lawh Al-Mahfûz*) in which Allah has written the destiny of His entire creation.

*Advice to the Prophet*

76. Indeed, this Quran clarifies for the Children of Israel most of what they differ over. 77. And it is truly a guide and mercy for the believers. 78. Your Lord will certainly judge between them by His justice, for He is the Almighty, All-Knowing. 79. So put your trust in Allah, for you are surely upon the "Path of" clear truth. 80. You certainly cannot make the dead hear "the truth". Nor can you make the deaf hear the call when they turn their backs and walk away. 81. Nor can you lead the blind out of their misguidance. You can make none hear "the truth" except those who believe in Our revelations, "fully" submitting "to Allah".

*The Apocalypse*

82. And when the decree "of the Hour" comes to pass against them, We will bring forth for them a beast from the earth,<sup>781</sup> telling them that the people had no sure faith in Our revelations. 83. "Watch for" the Day We will gather from every faith-community a group of those who denied Our revelations, and they will be driven in ranks. 84. When they "finally" come before their Lord, He will ask "them", "Did you deny My revelations without "even" comprehending them? Or what "exactly" did you do?" 85. And the decree "of torment" will be justified against them for their wrongdoing, leaving them speechless.

*Allah's Power 1) The Day and Night*

86. Do they not see that We made the night for them to rest in and the day bright?<sup>782</sup>

الْقُرْآنَ يَقْضُ عَلَى بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ أَكْثَرَ الَّذِي هُمْ فِيهِ  
يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾ وَإِنَّهُ لَهْدَى وَرَحْمَةً لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨٣﴾ إِنَّ  
رَبَّكَ يَقْضِي بَيْنَهُمْ بِحُكْمِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٨٤﴾  
فَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّكَ عَلَى الْحَقِّ الْمُبِينِ ﴿٨٥﴾ إِنَّكَ لَا تَسْمَعُ  
الْمَوْتَى وَلَا تَسْمَعُ الصُّمَّ الدُّعَاءَ إِذَا وَلَّوْا مُدْبِرِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾  
وَمَا أَنْتَ بِهَادِي الْعُمْيِ عَن ضَلَالَتِهِمْ ۚ إِنَّ تَسْمَعُ إِلَّا  
مَنْ يُوْثِقُ مِنْ بَايْتِنَا فَهُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾ وَإِذَا وَقَعَ الْقَوْلُ  
عَلَيْهِمْ أَخْرَجْنَا لَهُمْ دَابَّةً مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ تُكَلِّمُهُمْ ۚ أَنَّ  
النَّاسَ كَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا لَا يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾ وَيَوْمَ نُخْشِرُ مِنْ كُلِّ  
أُمَّةٍ قَوْجًا مِّمَّنْ يُكَذِّبُ بِآيَاتِنَا فَهُمْ يُوزَعُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾ حَتَّىٰ  
إِذَا جَاءُوهُ قَالَ أَكَذَّبْتُم بِآيَاتِي وَلَمْ تُحِطُوا بِهَا عُلَمَاءُ  
أَمَّا ذَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾ وَوَقَعَ الْقَوْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِمَا  
ظَلَمُوا فَهُمْ لَا يَنْطِقُونَ ﴿٩١﴾ أَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا جَعَلْنَا اللَّيْلَ

لَيْسَكُنُوا

مَنْزِلًا

781. The beast is believed to be one of the major signs of the Day of Judgment. No further details are given in reliable resources about this beast.

782. To demonstrate His ability to bring people back to life, Allah usually refers to some wonders of His creation, such as the planets, the alternation of the day and night, the mountains, and the development of the human embryo.

لَيْسَ كُنُوفِيهِ وَالتَّهَارُ مُبْصِرًا ۖ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ  
لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾ وَيَوْمَ يُنْفَخُ فِي الصُّورِ فَفَزِعَ مَنْ  
فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا مَنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ۖ  
وَكُلٌُّ أَتَوْهُ دُخْرَيْنِ ﴿٨٨﴾ وَتَرَى الْجِبَالِ تَحْسَبُهَا جَابِدَةً  
وَهِيَ تَكُومُ السَّحَابِ ۖ صُنِعَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَتَقَنَ كُلَّ  
شَيْءٍ ۖ إِنَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾ مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ  
فَلَهُ خَيْرٌ مِّنْهَا ۖ وَهُمْ مِّنْ فَزَعٍ يَوْمَئِذٍ أَمْنُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾  
وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَكُبَّتْ وَجُوهُهُمْ فِي النَّارِ ۖ هَلْ  
تُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩١﴾ إِنَّمَا أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ  
رَبَّ هَذِهِ الْبَلَدَةِ الَّذِي حَرَّمَهَا وَلَهُ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ ۚ  
وَأُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٩٢﴾ وَأَنْ أَتْلُوا الْقُرْآنَ ۚ  
فَمَنْ اهْتَدَىٰ فَإِنَّمَا يَهْتَدِي لِنَفْسِهِ ۚ وَمَنْ ضَلَّ فَقُلْ  
إِنَّمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُنذِرِينَ ﴿٩٣﴾ وَقُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ سِيرَتِكُمْ

Surely in this are signs for those who believe.

### The Apocalypse

87. And "beware of" the Day the Trumpet will be blown, and all those in the heavens and all those on the earth will be horrified "to the point of death",<sup>783</sup> except those Allah wills "to spare". And all will come before Him, fully humbled.

### Allah's Power 2) Earth's Rotation

88. Now you see the mountains, thinking they are firmly fixed, but they are travelling "just" like clouds. "That is" the design of Allah, Who has perfected everything. Surely He is All-Aware of what you do.

### Judgment Day

89. Whoever comes with a good deed will be rewarded with what is better, and they will be secure from the horror on that Day. 90. And whoever comes with an evil deed will be hurled face-first into the Fire. Are you rewarded except for what you used to do?

### Advice to the Prophet

91. Say, "O Prophet," "I have only been commanded to worship the Lord of this city 'of Mecca', Who has made it sacred, and to Him belongs everything. And I am commanded to be one of those who "fully" submit "to

Him", 92. and to recite the Quran." Then whoever chooses to be guided, it is only for their own good. But whoever chooses to stray, say, "O Prophet," "I am only a warner." 93. And say, "All praise is for Allah!

<sup>783</sup> The Trumpet will be blown at two different occasions, signalling the beginning of Judgment Day. The first blow will cause all creation to die, except whoever Allah spares, and the second one will cause them to be raised from the dead.

He will show you His signs, and you will recognize them. And your Lord is never unaware of what you do.”



## 28. The Whole Story (Al-Qaṣaṣ)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### Pharaoh's Tyranny

1. *Ṭā-Sīn-Mīm*. 2. These are the verses of the clear Book. 3. We narrate to you 'O Prophet' part of the story of Moses and Pharaoh in truth for people who believe. 4. Indeed, Pharaoh 'arrogantly' elevated himself in the land and divided its people into 'subservient' groups, one of which he persecuted, slaughtering their sons and keeping their women. He was truly one of the corruptors. 5. But it was Our Will to favour those who were oppressed in the land, making them models 'of faith' as well as successors; 6. and to establish them in the land; and through them show Pharaoh, Hamân,<sup>784</sup> and their soldiers 'the fulfilment of' what they feared.<sup>785</sup>

### Baby Moses in the Nile

7. We inspired the mother of Moses: "Nurse him, but when you fear for him, put him then into the river, and do not fear or grieve.

آمَنَ خَلْقَ ٢٠  
 ٥٣٤  
 الْقَصَصُ ٢٨

آيَاتُهَا ٨٨ (٢٨) سُورَةُ الْقَصَصِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٢٩) رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٩

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

طَسَمَ ١ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْمُبِينِ ٢ نَتْلُو عَلَيْكَ

مِنْ نَبَأِ مُوسَى وَفِرْعَوْنَ بِالْحَقِّ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ٣

إِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ عَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَجَعَلَ أَهْلَهَا شِيَعًا

يَسْتَضِعُّ طَائِفَةً مِنْهُمْ يَدْخُلُ آبْنَاءُهُمْ وَيَسْتَحْيِ نِسَاءَهُمْ ٤

إِنَّهُ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ٥ وَنُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى

الَّذِينَ اسْتَضَعُّوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَنَجْعَاهُمْ أَيْمَةً وَنَجْعَلَهُمْ

الْوَارِثِينَ ٦ وَنُمَكِّنَ لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَنُرِي فِرْعَوْنَ

وَهَامَانَ وَجُنُودَهُمَا مِنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَحْذَرُونَ ٧

وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَى أُمِّ مُوسَى أَنْ أَرْضِعِيهِ ٨ فَإِذَا اخْفَتِ

عَلَيْهِ فَالْقِيهِ فِي الْيَمِّ وَلَا تَخَافِي وَلَا تَحْزَنِي ٩ إِنَّا

رَأَوْهُ
مَنْزِلَ ٥

<sup>784</sup> It is commonly believed that Hamân was in charge of architecture during the reign of Pharaoh at the time of Moses (ﷺ).

<sup>785</sup> The fulfilment of the Pharaoh's old dream that his reign would come to an end at the hands of a boy from the Children of Israel.



رَأَدُّهُ إِلَيْكَ وَجَاعَلُوهُ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ۝ فَالتَقَطَهُ  
 آلُ فِرْعَوْنَ لِيَكُونَ لَهُمْ عَدُوًّا وَحَرْنًا ۖ إِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ وَ  
 هَامَانَ وَجُنُودَهُمَا كَانُوا خَاطِئِينَ ۝ وَقَالَتِ امْرَأَتُ  
 فِرْعَوْنَ قَرَّتْ عَيْنِي لِي وَلَكَ ۖ لَا تَقْتُلُوهُ ۖ عَسَىٰ أَنْ  
 يَنْفَعَنَا أَوْ نَتَّخِذَهُ وَلَدًا وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ۝ وَأَصْبَحَ  
 فُؤَادُ أُمِّ مُوسَىٰ فَرِعًا ۖ إِنَّ كَادَتْ لِتَبْدِي بِهِ لَوْلَا  
 أَنْ رَّبَّنَا عَلَيَّ قَلْبَهَا لَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝  
 وَقَالَتِ لَأُخْبِتَنَّهُ فُصَيْيَهُ ۖ فَبَصُرَتْ بِهِ عَنْ جُنُبٍ وَهُمْ  
 لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ۝ وَحَرَّمْنَا عَلَيْهِ الْمَرَاضِعَ مِنْ قَبْلُ  
 فَقَالَتْ هَلْ أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَىٰ أَهْلِ بَيْتٍ يَكْفُلُونَهُ لَكُمْ  
 وَهُمْ لَهُ نَاصِحُونَ ۝ فَرَدَدْنَاهُ إِلَىٰ أُمِّهِ كَيْ تَقَرَّ  
 عَيْنُهَا وَلَا تَحْزَنَ ۚ وَلَنَعْلَمَنَّ أَنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَلَكِنَّ  
 أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۝ وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَاسْتَوَىٰ

↑ We will certainly return him to you, and make him one of the messengers.” 8. And ‘it so happened that’ Pharaoh’s people picked him up, only to become their enemy and source of grief. Surely Pharaoh, Hamân, and their soldiers were sinful.

#### Moses in the Palace

9. Pharaoh’s wife said ‘to him’, “‘This baby is’ a source of joy for me and you. Do not kill him. Perhaps he may be useful to us or we may adopt him as a son.” They were unaware ‘of what was to come’. 10. And the heart of Moses’ mother ached so much that she almost gave away his identity, had We not reassured her heart in order for her to have faith ‘in Allah’s promise’. 11. And she said to his sister, “‘Keep track of him!’” So she watched him from a distance, while they were unaware. 12. And We had caused him to refuse all wet-nurses at first, so his sister suggested, “‘Shall I direct you to a family who will bring him up for you and take good care of him?’” 13. This is how We returned him to his mother so that her heart would be put at ease, and not grieve, and that she would know that Allah’s promise is ‘always’ true. But most people do not know. 14. And when he reached full strength and maturity,

We gave him wisdom and knowledge.  
This is how We reward the good-doers.

#### Unintentional Killing

15. "One day" he entered the city unnoticed by its people.<sup>786</sup> There he found two men fighting: one of his own people, and the other of his enemies. The man from his people called to him for help against his foe. So Moses punched him, causing his death. Moses cried, "This is from Satan's handiwork. He is certainly a sworn, misleading enemy." 16. He pleaded, "My Lord! I have definitely wronged my soul, so forgive me." So He forgave him, "for" He is indeed the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 17. Moses pledged, "My Lord! For all Your favours upon me, I will never side with the wicked."

#### The Incident Comes to Light

18. And so Moses became fearful, watching out in the city, when suddenly the one who sought his help the day before cried out to him again for help. Moses rebuked him, "Indeed, you are clearly a trouble-maker." 19. Then when Moses was about to lay his hands on their foe,<sup>787</sup> the enemy said, "O Moses! Do you intend to kill me as you killed a man yesterday?"

أَتَيْنَهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا ۖ وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٣﴾  
وَدَخَلَ الْمَدِينَةَ عَلَى حِينٍ غَفْلَةٍ مِّنْ أَهْلِهَا فَوَجَدَ  
فِيهَا رَجُلَيْنِ يَتَفَتِلَنِ هَذَا مِنْ شِيعَتِهِ وَهَذَا مِنْ  
عَدُوِّهِ ۖ فَاسْتَغَاثَهُ الَّذِي مِنْ شِيعَتِهِ عَلَى الَّذِي مِنْ  
عَدُوِّهِ ۖ فَوَكَّرَهُ مُوسَىٰ وَقَضَىٰ عَلَيْهِ ۖ قَالَ هَذَا مِنْ  
عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۖ إِنَّهُ عَدُوٌّ مُّضِلٌّ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٤﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ  
إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي ۖ فَاغْفِرْ لِي ۖ فَغَفَرَ لَهُ ۖ إِنَّهُ هُوَ  
الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٥﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ فَلَنْ  
أَكُونَ ظَهِيرًا لِّلْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿١٦﴾ فَاصْبَحَ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ  
خَافِيًا يَّتَرَقَّبُ ۖ فَإِذَا الَّذِي اسْتَنْصَرَهُ بِالْأَمْسِ  
يَسْتَصْرِخُهُ ۖ قَالَ لَهُ مُوسَىٰ إِنَّكَ لَغَوِيٌّ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٧﴾  
فَلَمَّا أَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَبْطِشَ بِالَّذِي هُوَ عَدُوٌّ لَّهُمَا ۖ  
قَالَ يٰمُوسَىٰ أَتَرِيدُ أَنْ تُقَاتِلَنِي كَمَا قَتَلْتَ نَفْسًا

786 In his adulthood, Moses and Pharaoh's people were not on good terms because he started to question their evil practices.

787 The man assumed that Moses was going to hit him.

بِالْأَمْسِ ۖ إِنْ تُرِيدُ إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونَ جَبَّارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
وَمَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ تَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُصْلِحِينَ ۝١٩ وَجَاءَ رَجُلٌ  
مِّنْ أَقْصَا الْمَدِينَةِ يَسْعَىٰ ۚ قَالَ يُؤْتَسَىٰ إِنَّ الْمَلَآئِكَةَ  
يَاتِرُونَ بِكَ لِيَقْتُلُوكَ فَاخْرُجْ ۚ إِنِّي لَكَ مِنَ النَّاصِحِينَ ۝٢٠  
فَخَرَجَ مِنْهَا خَائِفًا يَتَرَقَّبُ ۚ قَالَ رَبِّ نَجِّنِي مِنَ  
الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ۝٢١ وَلَمَّا تَوَجَّهَ تَلَقَّاهُ مَدْيَنَ قَالَ  
عَسَىٰ رَبِّي أَنْ يَهْدِيَنِي سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ ۝٢٢ وَلَمَّا وَرَدَ  
مَاءَ مَدْيَنَ وَجَدَ عَلَيْهِ أُمَّةً مِّنَ النَّاسِ يَسْقُونَ ۚ  
وَوَجَدَ مِنْ دُونِهِمُ امْرَأَتَيْنِ تَذُودَانِ ۚ قَالَ مَا خَطْبُكُمَا  
قَالَتَا لَا نَسْقِي حَتَّىٰ يُصْدِرَ الرِّعَاءُ ۖ سَنَآ أَبُونَا شَيْخٌ  
كَبِيرٌ ۝٢٣ فَسَقَىٰ لَهُمَا ثُمَّ تَوَلَّىٰ إِلَى الظِّلِّ فَقَالَ رَبِّ  
إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ ۝٢٤ فَجَاءَتْهُ إِحْدَاهُمَا  
تَمَشِيٌّ عَلَى اسْتِحْيَاءٍ ۚ قَالَتْ إِنَّ ابْنِي يَدْعُوكَ لِيَجْزِيَكَ

You only want to be a tyrant in the land. You do not intend to make peace!”

#### Moses Escapes to Midian

20. And there came a man, rushing from the farthest end of the city. He said, “O Moses! The chiefs are actually conspiring against you to put you to death, so leave ‘the city’. I really advise you ‘to do so’.” 21. So Moses left the city in a state of fear and caution, praying, “My Lord! Deliver me from the wrongdoing people.” 22. And as he made his way towards Midian, he said, “I trust my Lord will guide me to the right way.”

#### Moses Helps Two Women

23. When he arrived at the well of Midian, he found a group of people watering ‘their herds’. Apart from them, he noticed two women holding back ‘their herd’. He asked ‘them’, “What is the problem?” They replied, “We cannot water ‘our animals’ until the ‘other’ shepherds are done, for our father is a very old man.” 24. So he watered ‘their herd’ for them, then withdrew to the shade and prayed, “My Lord! I am truly in ‘desperate’ need of whatever provision You may have in store for me.”<sup>788</sup>

#### Moses Gets Married

25. Then one of the two women came to him, walking bashfully. She said, “My father is inviting you so he may

reward you for watering ‘our animals’ for us.”

<sup>788</sup> Moses left Egypt with no food, money, or even shoes. He was completely worn out by the time he arrived in Midian. After he prayed for help, Allah gave him a wife, a job, and a home on the same day.

When Moses came to him and told him his whole story, the old man said, "Have no fear! You are 'now' safe from the wrongdoing people." 26. One of the two daughters suggested, "O my dear father! Hire him. The best man for employment is definitely the strong and trustworthy 'one'." 27. The old man proposed, "I wish to marry one of these two daughters of mine to you, provided that you stay in my service for eight years. If you complete ten, it will be 'a favour' from you, but I do not wish to make it difficult for you. Allah willing, you will find me an agreeable man." 28. Moses responded, "Then it is 'settled' between you and I. Whichever term I fulfill, there will be no 'further' obligation on me. And Allah is a Witness to what we say."

#### The Fateful Encounter

29. When Moses had completed the term and was travelling with his family, he spotted a fire on the side of Mount Tûr. He said to his family, "Stay here, 'for' I have spotted a fire. Perhaps from there I can bring you some directions<sup>789</sup> or a torch from the fire so you may warm yourselves." 30. But when he came to it,

أَجْرَمَا سَقَيْتَ لَنَا ۖ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُ وَقَصَّ عَلَيْهِ الْقَصَصَ قَالَ لَا تَخَفْ ۖ نَجَوْتُ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ۝<sup>٢٦</sup>  
قَالَتْ إِحْدَاهُمَا يَا أَبَتِ اسْتَأْجِرْهُ ۖ إِنَّ خَيْرَ مَنِ اسْتَأْجَرْتَ الْقَوِيُّ الْأَمِينُ ۝<sup>٢٧</sup> قَالَ إِنِّي أُرِيدُ أَنْ أُنكِحَكَ إِحْدَى ابْنَتَيَّ هَاتَيْنِ عَلَى أَنْ تَأْجُرَنِي ثَمَنِي حَجْجَةً ۖ فَإِنْ أَتَمَمْتَ عَشْرًا فَمِنْ عِنْدِكَ ۖ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ أَشُقَّ عَلَيْكَ ۖ سَتَجِدُنِي إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ۝<sup>٢٨</sup>  
قَالَ ذَلِكَ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكَ ۖ أَيُّبَا الْأَجَلَيْنِ قَضَيْتُ فَلَا عُدْوَانَ عَلَيَّ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى مَا نَقُولُ وَكِيلٌ ۝<sup>٢٩</sup>  
فَلَمَّا قَضَىٰ مُوسَى الْأَجَلَ وَسَارَ بِأَهْلِهِ آنَسَ مِنْ جَانِبِ الطُّورِ نَارًا ۖ قَالَ لِأَهْلِهِ امْكُثُوا إِنِّي آنَسْتُ نَارًا تَلْعَلْ أَتِيكُمْ مِنْهَا بِخَبَرٍ أَوْ جَذْوَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَصْطَلُونَ ۝<sup>٣٠</sup> فَلَمَّا أَتَاهَا نُودِيَ مِنْ

شَاطِئِ

مَنْزِلِهِ ۖ

789 information. Moses and his family lost their way in the dark while they were travelling from Midian to Egypt.

شَاطِئِ الْوَادِ الْأَيْمَنِ فِي الْبُقْعَةِ الْمُبَارَكَةِ مِنَ  
 الشَّجَرَةِ أَنْ يُمُوسَىٰ إِلَيَّ أَنَا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣١﴾ وَأَنْ  
 أَلْقِ عَصَاكَ ۚ فَلَمَّا رَآهَا تَهْتَزُّ كَأَنَّهَا جَانٌّ وَلَّى  
 مُدْبِرًا وَلَمْ يُعَقِّبْ ۚ يُمُوسَىٰ أَقْبَلَ وَلَا تَخَفْ ۚ  
 إِنَّكَ مِنَ الْآمِنِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾ أَسْلَكَ يَدَكَ فِي جَيْبِكَ تَخْرُجُ  
 بَيْضَاءَ مِنْ غَيْرِ سُوءٍ ۚ وَاضْمُمُ إِلَيْكَ جَنَاحَكَ مِنَ  
 الرَّهْبِ ۚ فَذَنُوكَ بُرْهَانٍ مِنْ رَبِّكَ إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ وَ  
 مَلَإِهِ ۚ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمًا فَسِقِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي  
 قَتَلْتُ مِنْهُمْ نَفْسًا فَأَخَافُ أَنْ يَقْتُلُونِ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَأَخِي  
 هَارُونُ هُوَ أَفْصَحُ مِنِّي لِسَانًا فَأَرْسَلْهُ مَعِيَ رِدْءًا  
 يُصَدِّقُنِي ۚ إِنِّي أَخَافُ أَنْ يُكَذِّبُونِ ﴿٣٥﴾ قَالَ سَنُنْصُدُّ  
 عَصَاكَ بِأَخِيكَ وَنَجْعَلُ لَكَمَا سُلْطٰنًا فَلَا  
 يَصِلُونَ إِلَيْكُمَا ۚ بِآيَاتِنَا ۚ أَنْتَبَا وَمَنْ أَتَّبَعُكُمَا

he was called from the bush in the sacred ground to the right side of the valley: "O Moses! It is truly I. I am Allah—the Lord of all worlds. 31. Now, throw down your staff!" But when he saw it slithering like a snake, he ran away without looking back. "Allah reassured him," "O Moses! Draw near, and have no fear. You are perfectly secure. 32. Now put your hand through 'the opening of' your collar, it will come out 'shining' white, unblemished.<sup>790</sup> And cross your arms tightly to calm your fears.<sup>791</sup> These are two proofs from your Lord to Pharaoh and his chiefs. They have truly been a rebellious people."

#### Moses Asks Allah for Help

33. Moses appealed, "My Lord! I have indeed killed a man from them, so I fear they may kill me. 34. And my brother Aaron is more eloquent than I, so send him with me as a helper to support what I say, for I truly fear they may reject me." 35. Allah responded, "We will assist you with your brother and grant you both authority, so they cannot harm you. With Our signs, you and those who follow you will

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790 See footnote for 20:22.

791 When Moses put his arm through the opening in his collar again, his hand returned to its original colour.

'certainly' prevail."

### Pharaoh's Response

36. But when Moses came to them with Our clear signs, they said 'arrogantly', "This is nothing but conjured magic 'tricks'. We have never heard of this in 'the history of' our forefathers." 37. Moses responded, "My Lord knows best who has come with 'true' guidance from Him and will fare best in the end. Indeed, the wrongdoers will never succeed." 38. Pharaoh declared, "O chiefs! I know of no other god for you but myself. So bake bricks out of clay for me, O Hamân, and build a high tower so I may look at the God of Moses, although I am sure he is a liar."

### End of Pharaoh

39. And so he and his soldiers behaved arrogantly in the land with no right, thinking they would never be returned to Us. 40. So We seized him and his soldiers, casting them into the sea. See then what was the end of the wrongdoers! 41. We made them leaders inviting 'others' to the Fire. And on the Day of Judgment they will not be helped. 42. We caused a

الْغَلْبُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ مُوسَى بِآيَاتِنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ  
قَالُوا مَا هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ مُّفْتَرًى وَمَا سَمِعْنَا بِهَذَا  
فِي آبَائِنَا الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَقَالَ مُوسَى رَبِّي أَعْلَمُ  
بِمَنْ جَاءَ بِالْهُدَى مِنْ عِنْدِهِ وَمَنْ تَكُونُ لَهُ  
عَاقِبَةُ الدَّارِ إِنَّهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ  
يَا أَيُّهَا الْمَلَأَ مَا عَلِمْتُ لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرِي فَأَوْقِدْ  
لِي يَهَامُنْ عَلَى الطِّينِ فَاجْعَلْ لِي صَرْحًا  
نَعْلَى أَطْلِعْ إِلَى إِلَهِ مُوسَى وَإِنِّي لَأَظُنُّهُ مِنَ  
الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَاسْتَكَبَرَ هُوَ وَجُنُودُهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُم إِلَيْنَا لَا يُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾  
فَأَخَذْنَاهُ وَجُنُودَهُ فَنَبَذْنَاهُمْ فِي الْيَمِّ فَاَنْظُرْ كَيْفَ  
كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾ وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ آيَةً يَدْعُونَ  
إِلَى النَّارِ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ لَا يُنصَرُونَ ﴿٤١﴾ وَاتَّبَعْنَاهُمْ

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فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا لَعَنَهُ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ هُمْ مِّنَ  
 الْمَقْبُوحِينَ ۖ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ مِن بَعْدِ  
 مَا أَهْلَكْنَا الْقُرُونَ الْأُولَىٰ بِصَاحِبِ النَّاسِ وَهْدَىٰ  
 وَرَحْمَةً لَّعَلَّهُم يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ۖ وَمَا كُنْتَ بِجَانِبِ  
 الْغَرْبِيِّ إِذْ قَضَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَى الْأَمْرَ وَمَا كُنْتَ مِنَ  
 الشَّاهِدِينَ ۖ وَلَكِنَّا أَنْشَأْنَا قُرُونًا فَتَطَاوَلَ عَلَيْهِمُ  
 الْعُمُرُ ۖ وَمَا كُنْتَ ثَاوِيًّا فِي أَهْلِ مَدْيَنَ تَتْلُوا  
 عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِنَا وَلَكِنَّا كُنَّا مُرْسِلِينَ ۖ وَمَا كُنْتَ  
 بِجَانِبِ الطُّورِ إِذْ نَادَيْنَا وَلَكِنْ رَّحِمَةً مِّن رَّبِّكَ  
 لِتُنذِرَ قَوْمًا مَّا أَتَاهُمْ مِّن نَّذِيرٍ مِّن قَبْلِكَ  
 لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ۖ وَلَوْلَا أَن تَصِيبَهُم مُّصِيبَةٌ  
 بَآ قَدَمَتِ أَيْدِيهِمْ فَيَقُولُوا رَبَّنَا لَوْلَا أَرْسَلْتَ  
 إِلَيْنَا رَسُولًا فَنَتَّبِعَ آيَاتِكَ وَنَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۖ

curse to follow them in this world. And on the Day of Judgment they will be among the outcasts.

#### *Excellence of the Torah*

43. Indeed, We gave Moses the Scripture—after destroying earlier nations—as an insight for the people, a guide, and mercy so perhaps they would be mindful.

#### *Revealed Stories*

44. You were not there "O Prophet" on the western side of the mountain when We entrusted the Commandments to Moses, nor were you present "in his time".<sup>792</sup> 45. But We "later" raised "several" generations, and the ages took their toll on them.<sup>793</sup> Nor were you living among the people of Midian, rehearsing Our revelations with them. But it is We Who have sent "this revelation to you". 46. And you were not at the side of Mount Tûr when We called out "to Moses". But "you have been sent" as a mercy from your Lord to warn a people to whom no warner has come before you, so perhaps they may be mindful. 47. Also so they would not say, if struck by an affliction for what their hands have done: "Our Lord! If only You had sent us a messenger, we would have followed Your revelations and become believers."

792 The pagans are reminded repeatedly in the Quran that the Prophet (ﷺ) did not witness any of these events that happened centuries before he was born. For example, the conspiracies that were made against Joseph (12:102), the dispute on who should be the guardian of young Mary (3:44), and the drowning of Noah's son in the Flood (11:49). These details were not known to Arabs before the revelation of the Quran. So the only logical way that the Prophet (ﷺ) knew about these stories is through divine revelation.

793 So they neglected the Commandments over time.

## Pagan Response to the Quran

48. But when the truth came to them from Us, they said, "If only he was given the like of what Moses had been given."<sup>794</sup> Did they not deny what had been given to Moses earlier? They claimed, "Both 'Scriptures' are works of magic, supporting each other!"<sup>795</sup> Adding, "We truly deny both." 49. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Bring then a scripture from Allah which is a better guide than these two so I may follow it, if your claim is true." 50. So if they fail to respond to you, then know that they only follow their desires. And who could be more astray than those who follow their desires with no guidance from Allah? Surely Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people.

## The Doubly Rewarded

51. Indeed, We have steadily delivered the Word 'of Allah' to the people so they may be mindful. 52. 'As for' those 'faithful' to whom We had given the Scripture before this 'Quran', they do believe in it. 53. When it is recited to them, they declare, "We believe in it. This is definitely the truth from our Lord. We had already submitted<sup>796</sup> 'even' before this." 54. These 'believers' will be given a double reward for their perseverance, responding to evil with good,

فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ عِنْدِنَا قَالُوا لَوْلَا أُوتِيَ  
مِثْلَ مَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ ۖ أَوَلَمْ يَكْفُرُوا بِمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ  
مِنْ قَبْلُ ۚ قَالُوا سِحْرَانِ تَظَاهَرَا ۖ وَقَالُوا إِنَّا بِكُلِّ  
كِفْرٍ وَنَ ۖ قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِكِتَابٍ مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ هُوَ  
أَهْدَىٰ مِنْهُمَا أَتَّبِعُهُ ۚ إِنَّ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ۖ فَإِنْ لَّمْ  
يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكَ فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُمَا يُدْبِعُونَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ ۖ  
وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّنِ اتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ بِغَيْرِ هُدًى مِّنَ اللَّهِ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ۚ وَلَقَدْ وَصَّلْنَا  
لَهُمُ الْقَوْلَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ۚ الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ  
الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ هُمْ بِهِ يُؤْمِنُونَ ۖ وَإِذَا يُتْلَىٰ  
عَلَيْهِمْ قَالُوا أَمَّا بِهٖ إِنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّنَا ۖ إِنَّا كُنَّا  
مِنْ قَبْلِهِ مُسْلِمِينَ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ يُؤْتَوْنَ أَجْرَهُمْ مَّرَّتَيْنِ  
بِمَا صَبَرُوا وَيَدْرَءُونَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ السَّيِّئَةَ ۚ وَمِمَّا

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794 The pagans of Mecca demanded that the Quran should have been revealed all at once like the Torah, and the Prophet (ﷺ) should have had some tangible signs like the staff of Moses.

795 Some Meccan pagans approached some Jewish authorities to inquire about the Prophet's message and they were told that there are references of him in the Torah. So the pagans immediately rejected both the Torah and the Quran as two works of magic.

796 lit., 'We had already been Muslims.'



رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَإِذَا سَمِعُوا اللَّغْوَ أَعْرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَقَالُوا لَنَا أَعْمَالُنَا وَلَكُمْ أَعْمَالُكُمْ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ لَا نَبْتَغِي الْجَاهِلِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾ إِنَّكَ لَا تَهْدِي مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾ وَقَالُوا إِن نَّبْتَغِ الْهُدَى مَعَكَ نُنْخِطَفْ مِنْ أَرْضِنَا ۖ أَوْلَمْ تُبَكِّنْ لَهُمْ حَرَمًا مِمَّا يُحِبُّ إِلَيْهِ ثُمَّ رَأَيْتُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ رِزْقًا مِّن لَّدُنَّا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَكَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا مِنْ قَرْيَةٍ بَطَرَتْ مَعِيشَتَهَا ۖ فَتِلْكَ مَسْكِنُهُمْ لَمْ تُسْكَنْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۖ وَكُنَّا نَحْنُ الْوَارِثِينَ ﴿٦١﴾ وَمَا كَانَ رَبُّكَ مُهْلِكَ الْقُرَىٰ حَتَّىٰ يَبْعَثَ فِي أُمِّهَا رَسُولًا يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ أٰتِنَا ۚ وَمَا كُنَّا مُهْلِكِي الْقُرَىٰ إِلَّا وَأَهْلُهَا ظَالِمُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾ وَمَا أَوْتَيْنَا مِنْ شَيْءٍ

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and for donating from what We have provided for them. 55. When they hear slanderous talk, they turn away from it, saying, "We are accountable for our deeds and you for yours. Peace 'is our only response' to you! We want nothing to do with those who act ignorantly."

#### *Guidance Is from Allah Alone*

56. You surely cannot guide whoever you like 'O Prophet', but it is Allah Who guides whoever He wills, and He knows best who are 'fit to be' guided.

#### *Pagan Excuses*

57. They say 'to the Prophet', "If we were to follow 'true' guidance with you, we would certainly be snatched away from our land." Have We not established for them a safe haven 'in Mecca' to which fruits of all kinds are brought as a provision from Us? But most of them do not know 'this favour'. 58. 'Imagine' how many societies We have destroyed that had been spoiled by their 'comfortable' living! Those are their residences, never inhabited after them except passingly.<sup>797</sup> And We 'alone' were the Successor. 59. Your Lord would never destroy a society until He had sent to its capital a messenger, reciting Our revelations to them. Nor would We ever destroy a society unless its people persisted in wrongdoing.

#### *This World or the Hereafter?*

60. Whatever 'pleasure' you have been given is no more than 'a fleeting' enjoyment and adornment of this worldly life.

But what is with Allah is far better and more lasting. Will you not then understand? 61. Can those to whom We have made a fine promise—which they will see fulfilled—be like those who We have allowed to enjoy the pleasures of this worldly life, but on the Day of Judgment will be brought 'for punishment'?

#### *The Misleaders and the Misled*

62. 'Watch for' the Day He will call to them, "Where are those you claimed were My associate-gods?"

63. Those 'misleaders' against whom the decree 'of torment' is justified will cry, "Our Lord! These 'followers' are the ones we caused to deviate. We led them into deviance, for we ourselves were deviant. We disassociate ourselves 'from them' before You. It was not us that they used to worship." 64. It will be said 'to the disbelievers', "Call upon your associate-gods 'for help'." So they will call them, but will receive no response. And they will face the punishment, wishing they had been 'rightly' guided!

#### *A Question to the Disbelievers*

65. And 'watch for' the Day He will call to them, asking, "What response did you give to the messengers?"

66. They will be too dumbstruck on that Day to ask one another 'for answers'.

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#### *The True Believers*

67. As for those who repent, believe, and do good 'in this world', it is right to hope that they will be among the successful.

وَرَبُّكَ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيَخْتَارُ ۚ مَا كَانَ لَهُمُ

الْخَيْرَةُ ۖ سُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ وَتَعَالَى عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

وَرَبُّكَ يَعْلَمُ مَا تُكِنُّ صُدُورُهُمْ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

وَهُوَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ لَهُ الْحَمْدُ فِي الْأُولَى

وَالْآخِرَةِ ۚ وَلَهُ الْحُكْمُ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ قُلْ

أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمُ اللَّيْلَ سَرْمَدًا إِلَى

يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ مَنْ إِلَهٌ غَيْرُ اللَّهِ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِضِيَاءٍ ۖ أَفَلَا

تَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٧١﴾ قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمُ

النَّهَارَ سَرْمَدًا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ مَنْ إِلَهٌ غَيْرُ اللَّهِ

يَأْتِيكُمْ بِلَيْلٍ تَسْكُنُونَ فِيهِ ۖ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾

وَمِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ جَعَلَ لَكُمُ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ لِتَسْكُنُوا

فِيهِ وَلِتَبْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۚ وَلِعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٧٣﴾

وَيَوْمَ يُنَادِيهِمْ فَيَقُولُ أَيْنَ شُرَكَاءِيَ الَّذِينَ

كُنْتُمْ تَزْعُمُونَ

مَرْجُلٌ ٥

### Allah Almighty

68. Your Lord creates and chooses whatever He wills—the choice is not theirs. Glorified and Exalted is Allah above what they associate 'with Him'! 69. And your Lord knows what their hearts conceal and what they reveal. 70. He is Allah. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. All praise belongs to Him in this life and the next. All authority is His. And to Him you will 'all' be returned.

### Allah's Might and Grace

71. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Imagine if Allah were to make the night perpetual for you until the Day of Judgment, which god other than Allah could bring you sunlight? Will you not then listen?" 72. Ask 'them also', "Imagine if Allah were to make the day perpetual for you until the Day of Judgment, which god other than Allah could bring you night to rest in? Will you not then see?" 73. It is out of His mercy that He has made for you the day and night so that you may rest 'in the latter' and seek His bounty 'in the former', and perhaps you will be grateful.

### Polytheists Rebuked Again

74. And 'watch for' the Day He will call to them,

“Where are those you claimed were My associate-gods?” 75. And We will bring forth a witness<sup>798</sup> from every faith-community and ask “the polytheists”, “Show ‘Us’ your proof.” Then they will ‘come to’ know that the truth is with Allah ‘alone’. And whatever ‘gods’ they fabricated will fail them.”

#### Korah's Arrogance

76. Indeed, Korah<sup>799</sup> was from the people of Moses, but he behaved arrogantly towards them. We had granted him such treasures that even their keys would burden a group of strong men. ‘Some of’ his people advised him, “Do not be prideful! Surely Allah does not like the prideful. 77. Rather, seek the ‘reward’ of the Hereafter by means of what Allah has granted you, without forgetting your share of this world. And be good ‘to others’ as Allah has been good to you. Do not seek to spread corruption in the land, for Allah certainly does not like the corruptors.”

#### Korah's Response

78. He replied, “I have been granted all this because of some knowledge I have.”<sup>800</sup> Did he not know that Allah had already destroyed some from the generations before him who were far superior to him in power and greater in accumulating “wealth”?

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كُنْتُمْ تَزْعُمُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَنَزَعْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ شَهِيدًا  
فَقُلْنَا هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ فَعَلِمُوا أَنَّ الْحَقَّ لِلَّهِ وَ  
ضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ إِنَّ قَارُونَ  
كَانَ مِنْ قَوْمِ مُوسَى فَبَغَى عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ وَآتَيْنَاهُ  
مِنَ الْكُنُوزِ مَا إِنَّ مَفَاتِحَهُ لَتَنُوءَ بِالْعُصْبَةِ  
أُولَى الْقُوَّةِ إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ قَوْمُهُ لَا تَفْرَحْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
لَا يُحِبُّ الْفَرِحِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَابْتَغَ فِيمَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ  
الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا  
وَأَحْسِنْ كَمَا أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ وَلَا تَبْغِ الْفُسَادَ  
فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُبْسِدِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾ قَالَ  
إِنَّمَا أُوتِيتُهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ عِنْدِي ۚ أَوَلَمْ يَعْلَمْ أَنَّ  
اللَّهَ قَدْ أَهْلَكَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ مِنَ الْقُرُونِ مَنْ هُوَ  
أَشَدُّ مِنْهُ قُوَّةً وَ أَكْثَرُ جَمْعًا ۚ وَلَا يُسْأَلُ

عَنْ ذُنُوبِهِمْ

مِثْلَهُ

798 A prophet.

799 Korah was the cousin of Moses. Because of Korah's close association with Pharaoh, he became very rich and started to behave arrogantly towards his own people. When he was asked repeatedly by Moses (ﷺ) to pay his alms-tax to help poor Israelites, Korah refused and eventually conspired with a prostitute to damage the reputation of Moses, but Moses was cleared of any wrongdoing.

800 Or: “I have been granted all this because I know that Allah knows I deserve it.”

عَنْ ذُنُوبِهِمُ الْمُجْرِمُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾ فَخَرَجَ عَلَى قَوْمِهِ

فِي زِينَتِهِ ۖ قَالَ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا

لَكَيْتَ لَنَا مِثْلَ مَا أُوتِيَ قَارُونُ ۖ إِنَّهُ لَذُو حَظٍّ

عَظِيمٍ ﴿٤٩﴾ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ وَيْلَكُمْ

ثَوَابُ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لِّمَنْ آمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَلَا

يُلْقِيهَا إِلَّا الصَّابِرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾ فَخَسَفْنَا بِهِ وَبِدَارِهِ

الْأَرْضَ ۖ فَمَا كَانَ لَهُ مِنْ فِئَةٍ يَنْصُرُونَهُ

مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُنْتَصِرِينَ ﴿٥١﴾

وَأَصْبَحَ الَّذِينَ تَبَتَّوْا مَكَانَهُ بِالْأَمْسِ يَقُولُونَ

وَيُكَانَنَّ اللَّهُ يَبْطِئُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ

عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرْ لَوْ أَنَّ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا لَخَسَفَ

بِنَا ۖ وَيُكَانَنَّ لَا يَفْلِحُ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾ تِلْكَ الدَّارُ

الْآخِرَةُ نَجْعَلُهَا لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُرِيدُونَ عُلُوًّا فِي

There will be no need for the wicked to be asked about their sins.<sup>801</sup>

#### Debate on Korah

79. Then he came out before his people in all his glamour. Those who desired the life of this world wished, "If only we could have something like what Korah has been given. He is truly a man of great fortune!" 80. But those gifted with knowledge said, "Shame on you! Allah's reward is far better for those who believe and do good. But none will attain this except the steadfast."

#### Korah's End

81. Then We caused the earth to swallow him up, along with his home. There was no one to help him against Allah, nor could he even help himself. 82. And those who had craved his position the previous day began to say, "Ah! It is certainly Allah Who gives abundant or limited provisions to whoever He wills of His servants. Had it not been for the grace of Allah, He could have surely caused the earth to swallow us up! Oh, indeed! The disbelievers will never succeed."

#### Pay Day

83. That 'eternal' Home in the Hereafter We reserve 'only' for those who seek neither tyranny nor corruption on the earth.

The ultimate outcome belongs 'only' to the righteous. 84. Whoever comes with a good deed will be rewarded with what is better. And whoever comes with an evil deed, then the evildoers will only be rewarded for what they used to do.

#### Advice to the Prophet

85. Most certainly, the One Who has ordained the Quran for you will 'ultimately' bring you back home 'to Mecca'.<sup>802</sup> Say, "My Lord knows best who has come with 'true' guidance and who is clearly astray." 86. You never expected this Book to be revealed to you, but 'it came' only 'as' a mercy from your Lord. So never side with the disbelievers 'in their disbelief'. 87. Do not let them turn you away from the revelations of Allah after they have been sent down to you. Rather, invite 'all' to 'the Way of' your Lord, and never be one of the polytheists. 88. And do not invoke any other god with Allah. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. Everything is bound to perish except He Himself.<sup>803</sup> All authority belongs to Him. And to Him you will 'all' be returned.



الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فُسَادًا ۖ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٨٣﴾  
 مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ خَيْرٌ مِنْهَا ۚ وَمَنْ جَاءَ  
 بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجْزَى الَّذِينَ عَمِلُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ  
 إِلَّا مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِي فَرَضَ  
 عَلَيْكَ الْقُرْآنَ لَرَأْدُكَ إِلَىٰ مَعَادٍ ۖ قُلْ رَبِّي  
 أَعْلَمُ مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَمَنْ هُوَ فِي ضَلَالٍ  
 مُّبِينٍ ﴿٨٥﴾ وَمَا كُنْتَ تَرْجُو أَنْ يُلْقَىٰ إِلَيْكَ  
 الْكِتَابُ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً مِّنْ رَبِّكَ ۚ فَلَا تَكُونَنَّ ظَاهِرًا  
 لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾ وَلَا يَصُدُّكَ عَنْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ بَعْدَ  
 إِذْ أُنْزِلَتْ إِلَيْكَ وَادْعُ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ وَلَا تَكُونَنَّ  
 مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾ وَلَا تَدْعُ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ  
 لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ هَالِكٌ إِلَّا وَجْهَهُ ۚ  
 لَهُ الْحُكْمُ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾

وقف لا تدع

سورة العنكبوت

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منزل ٥

802 This verse was revealed while the Prophet (ﷺ) was on the way to Medina, emigrating from Mecca after years of persecution. Eventually the Prophet (ﷺ) returned to Mecca and the majority of its people accepted Islam.

803 lit.. except His Face.

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### The Test

1. *Alif-Lām-Mīm*. 2. Do people think once they say, "We believe," that they will be left without being put to the test? 3. We certainly tested those before them. And 'in this way' Allah will clearly distinguish between those who are truthful and those who are liars. 4. Or do the evildoers 'simply' think that they will escape Us? How wrong is their judgment!

### The True Believers

5. Whoever hopes for the meeting with Allah, 'let them know that' Allah's appointed time is sure to come. He is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 6. And whoever strives 'in Allah's cause', only does so for their own good. Surely Allah is not in need of 'any of His creation. 7. As for those who believe and do good, We will certainly absolve them of their sins, and reward them according to the best of what they used to do. 8. We have commanded people to honour their parents. But if they urge you to associate with Me what you have no knowledge of,<sup>804</sup> then do not obey them.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْمَّ أَحَسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُتْرَكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا  
أَمَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ ۖ وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا الَّذِينَ مِنْ  
قَبْلِهِمْ فَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ  
الْكَاذِبِينَ ۚ أَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ أَنْ  
يَسْبِقُونَا ۚ سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ ۚ مَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ  
اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ أَجَلَ اللَّهِ لَآتٍ ۖ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ۚ  
وَمَنْ جَاهَدَ فَإِنَّمَا يُجَاهِدُ لِنَفْسِهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَغَنِيٌّ  
عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
لَنُكَفِّرَنَّ عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَحْسَنَ الَّذِي  
كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ۚ وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ  
حُسْنًا ۖ وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ لِتُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ

To Me you will 'all' return, and then I will inform you of what you used to do.  
9. Those who believe and do good will surely be admitted by Us into 'the company of' the righteous.

### The Hypocrites

10. There are some who say, "We believe in Allah," but when they suffer in the cause of Allah, they mistake 'this' persecution at the hands of people for the punishment of Allah. But when victory comes from your Lord, they surely say 'to the believers', "We have always been with you." Does Allah not know best what is in the hearts of all beings?  
11. Allah will certainly distinguish between those who have 'sure' faith and the hypocrites.

### False Promise

12. The disbelievers say to the believers, "'Just' follow our way, and we will bear 'the burden of' your sins." But they would never 'want to' bear any of the believers' sins. They are simply lying. 13. Yet they will certainly 'be made to' carry their own burdens, as well as other burdens along with their own.<sup>805</sup> And they will surely be questioned on Judgment Day about what they used to fabricate.

### Noah's People Destroyed

14. Indeed, We sent Noah to his people, and he remained among them for a thousand years, less fifty.

بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطْعَمُهُمَا ۖ إِلَىٰ مَرْجِعِكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا  
كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨﴾ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
لَنُدْخِلَنَّهُمْ فِي الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٩﴾ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَقُولُ  
أَمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ فَإِذَا أُوذِيَ فِي اللَّهِ جَعَلَ فِتْنَةً النَّاسِ  
كَعَذَابٍ لِلَّهِ ۖ وَلَئِن جَاءَ نَصْرٌ مِّن رَّبِّكَ لَيَقُولُنَّ  
إِنَّا كُنَّا مَعَكُمْ ۖ أَوَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِأَعْلَمَ بِمَا فِي صُدُورِ  
الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ  
الْمُنَافِقِينَ ﴿١١﴾ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
اتَّبِعُوا سَبِيلَنَا وَلْنَحْمِلْ خَطِيئَتَكُمْ ۖ وَمَا هُمْ بِحَامِلِينَ  
مِّنْ خَطِيئَتِهِمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ لَكَذِبُونَ ﴿١٢﴾ وَلَيَحْمِلُنَّ  
أَثْقَالَهُمْ وَأَثْقَالًا مَّعَ أَثْقَالِهِمْ ۖ وَلَيُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَ  
الْقِيَامَةِ عَمَّا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا  
إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَلَبِثَ فِيهِمْ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ إِلَّا خَمْسِينَ عَامًا ۖ

فَاخَذَهُمْ

مَنْزِلَهُ



فَاخَذَهُمُ الطُّوفَانُ وَهُمْ ظَالِمُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ فَانْجَيْنَاهُ وَ

أَصْحَابَ السَّفِينَةِ وَجَعَلْنَاهَا آيَةً لِلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٥﴾ وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ

إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاتَّقُوهُ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ

إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ إِنَّمَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ

أَوْثَانًا وَتَخْلُقُونَ إِفْكًا إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ

دُونِ اللَّهِ لَا يَبْلِكُونَ لَكُمْ رِزْقًا فَابْتَغُوا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ

الرِّزْقَ وَاعْبُدُوهُ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ ۖ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

وَإِنْ تُكَذِّبُوا فَقَدْ كَذَّبَ أُمَمٌ مِّنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَمَا عَلَى

الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْبَيِّنُ ﴿١٨﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا كَيْفَ

يُبْدِئُ اللَّهُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ ۖ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ

يَسِيرٌ ﴿١٩﴾ قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ

بَدَأَ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ اللَّهُ يُنشِئُ النَّشْأَةَ الْآخِرَةَ ۚ إِنَّ

اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٠﴾ يُعَذِّبُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ

Then the Flood overtook them, while they persisted in wrongdoing. 15. But We delivered him and those in the Ark, making it a sign for all people.

#### The People of Abraham

16. And 'remember' when Abraham said to his people, "Worship Allah, and fear Him. This is better for you, if only you knew. 17. You worship besides Allah nothing but idols, simply creating lies 'about them'. Those you worship besides Allah certainly cannot give you any provision. So seek provision from Allah 'alone', worship Him, and be grateful to Him. To Him you will 'all' be returned.

#### Warning to Meccan Pagans

18. If you persist in denial, so did 'many' communities before you. The Messenger's duty is only to deliver 'the message' clearly." 19. Have they not seen how Allah originates the creation then resurrects it? That is certainly easy for Allah. 20. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Travel throughout the land and see how He originated the creation, then Allah will bring it into being one more time. Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything. 21. He punishes whoever He wills,

and shows mercy to whoever He wills. And you will 'all' be returned to Him. 22. And you cannot escape Him on earth or in heaven. Nor have you any protector or helper besides Allah." 23. As for those who disbelieve in Allah's signs and the meeting with Him, it is they who will have no hope in His mercy.<sup>806</sup> And it is they who will suffer a painful punishment.

#### Abraham Prevails

24. But the only response of Abraham's people was to say: "Kill him or burn him!" But Allah saved him from the fire.<sup>807</sup> Surely in this are signs for people who believe. 25. He said 'to his people', "You have taken idols 'for worship' instead of Allah, only to keep 'the bond of' harmony among yourselves in this worldly life. But on the Day of Judgment you will disown and curse one another. Your home will be the Fire, and you will have no helper!" 26. So Lot believed in him. And Abraham said, "I am emigrating 'in obedience' to my Lord. He 'alone' is indeed the Almighty, All-Wise." 27. We blessed him with Isaac and 'later' Jacob,

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وَيَرْحَمُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۖ وَإِلَيْهِ تُقْلَبُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُعْجِزِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ ۚ وَمَا لَكُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ﴿٢٢﴾ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَلِقَائِهِ أُولَٰئِكَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ رَّحْمَتِي وَأُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٣﴾ فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا اقْتُلُوهُ أَوْ حَرِّقُوهُ فَأَنْجَاهُ اللَّهُ مِنَ النَّارِ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَقَالَ إِنَّمَا اتَّخَذْتُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْثَانًا لَا مَوَدَّةَ بَيْنِكُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ثُمَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ يَكْفُرُ بَعْضُكُم بِبَعْضٍ وَيَلْعَنُ بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا ۚ وَمَأْوَاكُمُ النَّارُ وَمَا لَكُمْ مِّنْ نَّصِيرِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾ فَأَمَّا لَهُ لُوطٌ ۖ وَقَالَ إِنِّي مُهَاجِرٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّي ۖ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَجَعَلْنَا

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<sup>806</sup> lit., My mercy.

<sup>807</sup> The idolaters tried to burn Abraham because he smashed their idols. See 21:51-71 for the full story.

فِي ذُرِّيَّتِهِ النَّبُوَّةَ وَالْكِتَابَ وَآتَيْنَاهُ أَجْرَهُ فِي  
الدُّنْيَا وَإِنَّهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ لَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾ وَ  
لُوطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ إِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الْفَاحِشَةَ  
مَا سَبَقَكُمْ بِهَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِّنَ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾ أَتَأْتُونَ  
الَّذِينَ يَكْفُرُونَ بِالْكِتَابِ وَتَقْطَعُونَ السَّبِيلَ وَتَأْتُونَ  
فِي نَادِيكُمُ الْمُنْكَرَ فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ  
إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا اتُّبِنَا بِعَذَابِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾ قَالَ رَبِّ انصُرْنِي عَلَى الْقَوْمِ  
الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٣١﴾ وَلَمَّا جَاءَتْ رُسُلُنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ  
بِالبُشْرَى قَالُوا إِنَّا مُهْلِكُوا أَهْلَ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ  
إِنَّ أَهْلَهَا كَانُوا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾ قَالَ إِن فِيهَا لُوطًا  
قَالُوا نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَن فِيهَا فَانصُرْنَاهُ وَاهْلَهُ  
إِلَّا امْرَأَتَهُ كَانَتْ مِنَ الْغَابِرِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَلَمَّا أَنْ

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and reserved prophethood and revelation for his descendants. We gave him his reward in this life,<sup>808</sup> and in the Hereafter he will certainly be among the righteous.

#### The People of Lot

28. And 'remember' when Lot rebuked 'the men of' his people: "You certainly commit a shameful deed that no man has ever done before you. 29. Do you really lust after 'other' men, abuse the travellers, and practice immorality 'openly' in your gatherings?" His people's only response was to say 'mockingly': "Bring Allah's punishment upon us, if what you say is true." 30. Lot prayed, "My Lord! Help me against the people of corruption."

#### Abraham Visited by Angels

31. When Our messenger-angels came to Abraham with the good news 'of the birth of Isaac', they said, "We are going to destroy the people of this city 'of Sodom', for its people have persisted in wrongdoing." 32. He said, "But Lot is there!" They responded, "We know best who is there. We will certainly save him and his family—except his wife, who is one of the doomed."

#### The People of Lot Destroyed

33. And when Our messenger-angels came to Lot,

he was distressed and worried by their arrival.<sup>809</sup> They reassured 'him', "Do not fear, nor grieve. We will surely deliver you and your family—except your wife, who is one of the doomed. 34. We are certainly bringing down a punishment from heaven upon the people of this city for their rebelliousness." 35. And We did leave 'some of' its ruins as a clear lesson for people of understanding.

#### Shu'aib's People Destroyed

36. And to the people of Midian 'We sent' their brother Shu'aib. He said, "O my people! Worship Allah, and hope for 'the reward of' the Last Day. And do not go about spreading corruption in the land." 37. But they rejected him, so an 'overwhelming' earthquake struck them and they fell lifeless in their homes.

#### Previously Destroyed Nations

38. And the people of 'Âd and Thamûd 'met a similar fate', which must be clear to you 'Meccans' from their ruins.<sup>810</sup> Satan made their 'evil' deeds appealing to them, hindering them from the 'Right' Way, although they were capable of reasoning. 39. 'We' also 'destroyed' Korah, Pharaoh, and Hamân.

جَاءَتْ رُسُلُنَا لُوطًا سَيِّئًا بِهِمْ وَضَاقَ بِهِمْ ذُرْعًا  
وَقَالُوا لَا تَخَفْ وَلَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّا مُنْجُوكَ وَأَهْلَكَ  
إِلَّا امْرَأَتَكَ كَانَتْ مِنَ الْغَابِرِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾ إِنَّا مُنْزِلُونَ عَلَى  
أَهْلِ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ رِجْزًا مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَا كَانُوا  
يَفْسُقُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَلَقَدْ تَرَكْنَا مِنْهَا آيَةً بَيِّنَةً لِّقَوْمٍ  
يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَإِلَى مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ شُعَيْبًا فَقَالَ  
يَقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَارْجُوا الْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَلَا تَعْتُوا  
فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾ فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ  
فَصَبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ جثثِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَعَادًا وَثَمُودًا  
وَقَدْ تَبَيَّنَ لَكُمْ مِّنْ مَّسْكِنِهِمْ فَوَزَيْنَ لَهُمُ  
الشَّيْطَانُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ فَصَدَّهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ  
وَكَانُوا مُسْتَبْصِرِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَقَارُونَ وَفِرْعَوْنَ  
وَهَامَانَ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ مُّوسَىٰ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ

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809 Since the angels came in the form of handsome men, Lot was worried for the dignity and safety of his guests among his people—not knowing that they were angels.

810 Meccan caravans always passed by these ruins on the way to Yemen and Syria for business.

Indeed, Moses had come to them with clear proofs, but they behaved arrogantly in the land. Yet they could not escape 'Us'. 40. So We seized each 'people' for their sin: against some of them We sent a storm of stones, some were overtaken by a 'mighty' blast, some We caused the earth to swallow, and some We drowned. Allah would not have wronged them, but it was they who wronged themselves.

*Allah Is the Mighty Protector*

41. The parable of those who take protectors other than Allah is that of a spider spinning a shelter. And the flimsiest of all shelters is certainly that of a spider, if only they knew.

42. Allah surely knows that whatever 'gods' they invoke besides Him are 'simply' nothing. For He is the Almighty, All-Wise. 43. These are the parables We set forth for humanity, but none will understand them except the people of knowledge.

44. Allah created the heavens and the earth for a purpose. Surely in this is a sign for the people of faith.

فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا كَانُوا سَابِقِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾  
فَكُلًّا أَخَذْنَا بِذُنُبِهِ ۖ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِ  
حَاصِبًا ۖ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ أَخَذَتْهُ الصَّيْحَةُ ۖ وَمِنْهُمْ  
مَّنْ خَسَفْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ ۖ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ أَغْرَقْنَا ۖ وَمَا  
كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ  
يُظْلِمُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾ مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ  
اللَّهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ كَمَثَلِ الْعَنَكَبُوتِ ۚ اتَّخَذَتْ بَيْتًا ط  
وَإِنْ أَوْهَنَ الْبُيُوتُ لَبَيْتُ الْعَنَكَبُوتِ لَوْ كَانُوا  
يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ  
دُونِهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ط وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٤٢﴾  
وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَالُ نَضْرِبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ ۚ وَمَا يَعْقِلُهَا  
إِلَّا الْعَالِمُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾ خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ  
بِالْحَقِّ ط إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾

## Advice to the Prophet

45. Recite what has been revealed to you of the Book and establish prayer. Indeed, 'genuine' prayer should deter 'one' from indecency and wickedness. The remembrance of Allah is 'an' even greater 'deterrent'. And Allah 'fully' knows what you 'all' do.

## Arguing with the People of the Book

46. Do not argue with the People of the Book unless gracefully, except with those of them who act wrongfully. And say, "We believe in what has been revealed to us and what was revealed to you. Our Allah and your God is 'only' One. And to Him we 'fully' submit."

## One Last Revelation

47. Similarly 'to earlier messengers', We have revealed to you a Book 'O Prophet'. 'The faithful of' those to whom We gave the Scriptures believe in it, as do some of these 'pagan Arabs'. And none denies Our revelations except the 'stubborn' disbelievers. 48. You 'O Prophet' could not read any writing 'even' before this 'revelation', nor could you write at all. Otherwise, the people of falsehood would have been suspicious. 49. But this 'Quran' is 'a set of' clear revelations 'preserved' in the hearts of those gifted with knowledge. And none denies Our revelations except the 'stubborn' wrongdoers.

الجزء العاشر من القرآن الكريم

أَنْتَ مَا أَوْحَى إِلَيْكَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ ۚ إِنَّ  
الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ ۚ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ  
أَكْبَرُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ وَلَا تَجَادِلُوا أَهْلَ  
الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ ۚ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ  
وَقُولُوا آمَنَّا بِالَّذِي أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَأُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ  
وَإِلَهُنَا وَإِلَهُكُمْ وَاحِدٌ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَ  
كَذَلِكَ أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ ۚ فَالَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ  
يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ ۚ وَمِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ ۚ وَمَا يَجْحَدُ  
بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ وَمَا كُنْتَ تَتْلُو مِنْ قَبْلِهِ  
مِنْ كِتَابٍ وَلَا تَخُطُّهُ بِيَمِينِكَ إِذًا لَا زُتَابَ الْمُبِطُونَ ﴿٣١﴾  
بَلْ هُوَ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ فِي صُدُورِ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ ۚ  
وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا  
أُنْزِلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِ ۚ قُلْ إِنَّمَا الْآيَاتُ

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50. They say, "If only 'some' signs had been sent down to him from his Lord!" Say, 'O Prophet,'

811 They were not convinced of the Quran's literary miracle and, therefore, asked for tangible signs similar to the staff of Moses.

عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ٥١ أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِهِمْ أَنَّا  
 أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ يُتْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ ٥٢ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ  
 لَرَحْمَةً وَذِكْرَى لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ٥٣ قُلْ كَفَى بِاللَّهِ بَيِّنَى  
 وَبَيْنَكُمْ شَهِيدًا ٥٤ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ٥٥  
 وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْبَاطِلِ وَكَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ ٥٦ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
 الْخَاسِرُونَ ٥٧ وَيَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ ٥٨ وَلَوْلَا  
 أَجَلٌ مُّسَمًّى لَّجَاءَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ ٥٩ وَلَيَأْتِيَنَّهُمْ بَغْتَةً  
 وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ٦٠ يَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ وَإِنَّ  
 جَهَنَّمَ لَمُحِيطَةٌ بِالْكَافِرِينَ ٦١ يَوْمَ يَغْشَاهُمُ الْعَذَابُ  
 مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَمِنْ تَحْتِ أَرْجُلِهِمْ وَيَقُولُ ذُوقُوا  
 مَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ٦٢ يُعَادَى الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّ  
 أَرْضِي وَاسِعَةٌ ٦٣ فَآيَايَ فَاعْبُدُونِ ٦٤ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ  
 ذَاقَةُ الْمَوْتِ ثُمَّ إِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ ٦٥ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

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“Signs are only with Allah. And I am only sent with a clear warning.” 51. Is it not enough for them that We have sent down to you the Book, ‘which is’ recited to them. Surely in this ‘Quran’ is a mercy and reminder for people who believe. 52. Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “Sufficient is Allah as a Witness between me and you. He ‘fully’ knows whatever is in the heavens and the earth. And those who believe in falsehood and disbelieve in Allah, it is they who are the ‘true’ losers.”

#### Hastening the Punishment

53. They challenge you ‘O Prophet’ to hasten the punishment. Had it not been for a time already set, the punishment would have certainly come to them ‘at once’. But it will definitely take them by surprise when they least expect it. 54. They urge you to hasten the punishment. And Hell will certainly encompass the disbelievers 55. on the Day the punishment will overwhelm them from above them and from below their feet. And it will be said, “Reap what you sowed.”

#### Advice to Persecuted Believers<sup>812</sup>

56. O My believing servants! My earth is truly spacious, so worship Me ‘alone’. 57. Every soul will taste death, then to Us you will ‘all’ be returned. 58. ‘As for’ those who believe and do good,

812 This passage addresses poor Muslims who were subject to persecution in Mecca and had to move elsewhere. Some of them were worried that they would not find provisions if they moved to a new place.

We will certainly house them in 'elevated' mansions in Paradise, under which rivers flow, to stay there forever. How excellent is the reward for those who work 'righteousness!'— 59. those who patiently endure, and put their trust in their Lord! 60. How many are the creatures that cannot secure their provisions! 'It is' Allah 'Who' provides for them and you 'as well'. He is indeed the All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

#### Questions to the Polytheists

61. If you ask them 'O Prophet' who created the heavens and the earth and subjected the sun and the moon 'for your benefit', they will certainly say, "Allah!" How can they then be deluded 'from the truth'? 62. Allah gives abundant or limited provisions to whoever He wills of His servants. Surely Allah has 'full' knowledge of everything. 63. And if you ask them who sends down rain from the sky, giving life to the earth after its death, they will surely say, "Allah!" Say, "Praise be to Allah!" In fact, most of them do not understand. 64. This worldly life is no more than play and amusement. But the Hereafter is indeed the real life, if only they knew.

وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لِنُبَوِّئَهُمْ مِّنَ الْجَنَّةِ غُرَفًا تَجْرِي مِنْ

تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۖ نِعَمَ أَجْرُ الْعَامِلِينَ ۝٥٩

الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ۝٥٩ وَكَأَيِّن

مِّنْ دَابَّةٍ لَّا تَحْمِلُ رِمَاقَهَا ۗ اللَّهُ يَرْزُقُهَا وَإِيَّاكُمْ ۖ

وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ۝٦٠ وَلَئِن سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَّنْ خَلَقَ

السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ لَيَقُولُنَّ

اللَّهُ ۚ فَأَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ ۝٦١ اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَن

يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ

عَلِيمٌ ۝٦٢ وَلَئِن سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَّنْ نَّزَّلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً

فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ مِن بَعْدِ مَوْتِهَا لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ ۖ

قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ۖ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ۝٦٣ وَمَا

هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَهُوٌّ وَلَعِبٌ ۖ وَإِنَّ الدَّارَ

الْآخِرَةَ لَهِيَ الْحَيَوَانُ ۖ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ۝٦٤

فَإِذَا رَكِبُوا

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فَإِذَا رَكِبُوا فِي الْفُلِكِ دَعَوْا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ

الدِّينَ ٥ فَلَمَّا نَجَّاهُمْ إِلَى الْبَرِّ إِذَا هُمْ يُشْرِكُونَ ٦٥

لِيَكْفُرُوا بِمَا آتَيْنَهُمْ ٦٦ وَلِيَتَمَتَّعُوا ٦٧ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ٦٨

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا جَعَلْنَا حَرَمًا آمِنًا وَيُخَاطَفُ النَّاسُ

مِنْ حَوْلِهِمْ ٦٩ أَفَبِالْبَاطِلِ يُؤْمِنُونَ وَبِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ

يَكْفُرُونَ ٧٠ وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ

كَذِبًا أَوْ كَذَّبَ بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُ ٧١ أَلَيْسَ فِي

جَهَنَّمَ مَثْوًى لِّلْكَافِرِينَ ٧٢ وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا

لِنَهْدِيَهُمْ سُبُلَنَا ٧٣ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ٧٤

إِنَّا أَنشَأْنَاهُنَّ ٧٥ سُبُلَ الرُّومِ مَكِينًا ٧٦

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ٧٧

الْمَ ٧٨ غَلِبَتِ الرُّومُ ٧٩ فِي أَدْنَى الْأَرْضِ وَهُمْ

مِنْ بَعْدِ غَلِبِهِمْ سَيَغْلِبُونَ ٨٠ فِي بَضْعِ سِنِينَ ٨١

### The Disbelievers' Ingratitude

65. If they happen to be aboard a ship 'caught in a storm', they cry out to Allah 'alone' in sincere devotion. But as soon as He delivers them 'safely' to shore, they associate 'others with Him once again'. 66. So let them be ungrateful for all We have given them, and 'let them' enjoy themselves 'for now'! For they will soon know.

### Warning to Meccan Pagans

67. Have they not seen how We have made 'Mecca' a safe haven, whereas people 'all' around them are snatched away?<sup>813</sup> How can they then believe in falsehood<sup>814</sup> and deny Allah's favours? 68. And who does more wrong than those who fabricate lies against Allah or reject the truth after it has reached them? Is Hell not a 'fitting' home for the disbelievers?

### The Faithful Reassured

69. As for those who struggle in Our cause, We will surely guide them along Our Way. And Allah is certainly with the good-doers.



### 30. The Romans (Ar-Rûm)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### From Defeat to Victory

1. Alif-Lām-Mīm. 2. The Romans have been defeated 3. in a nearby land. Yet following their defeat, they will triumph

<sup>813</sup> Mecca was considered as a sanctuary. Therefore, fighting was not allowed there, and whoever entered Mecca (especially in the neighbourhood of the Ka'bah) was safe—a privilege that other cities in Arabia did not have.

<sup>814</sup> i.e., the false gods and idols.

4. within three to nine years. The 'whole' matter rests with Allah before and after 'victory'. And on that day the believers will rejoice 5. at the victory willed by Allah. He gives victory to whoever He wills. For He is the Almighty, Most Merciful. 6. 'This is' the promise of Allah. 'And' Allah never fails in His promise. But most people do not know. 7. They 'only' know the worldly affairs of this life, but are 'totally' oblivious to the Hereafter.

#### Wake-up Call to the Disbelievers

8. Have they not reflected upon their own being? Allah only created the heavens and the earth and everything in between for a purpose and an appointed term. Yet most people are truly in denial of the meeting with their Lord! 9. Have they not travelled throughout the land to see what was the end of those 'destroyed' before them? They were far superior in might; they cultivated the land and developed it more than these 'Meccans' ever have. Their messengers came to them with clear proofs. Allah would have never wronged them, but it was they who wronged themselves. 10. Then most evil was

الْأَمْرُ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَمِنْ بَعْدُ وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ  
الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ٥ بِبَصْرِ اللَّهِ ٦ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ٧ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ  
الرَّحِيمُ ٨ وَعَدَ اللَّهُ ٩ لَا يُخْلِفُ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ وَلَكِنَّ  
أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ١٠ يَعْلَمُونَ ظَاهِرًا مِّنَ  
الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ١١ وَهُمْ عَنِ الْآخِرَةِ هُمْ غَفْلُونَ ١٢ أَوَلَمْ  
يَتَفَكَّرُوا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ ١٣ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ  
وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ١٤ وَإِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ النَّاسِ بِلِقَائِ رَبِّهِمْ لَكَافِرُونَ ١٥  
أَوَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ  
عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ ١٦ كَانُوا أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً  
وَآثَارُوا الْأَرْضَ وَعَمَرُوهَا أَكْثَر مِمَّا عَمَرُوهَا وَ  
جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ١٧ فَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيَظْلِمَهُمْ  
وَلَكِن كَانُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ١٨ ثُمَّ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ

الَّذِينَ أَسَاءُوا السَّوَايَ أَنْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَكَانُوا  
 بِهَا يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ۝<sup>١١</sup> اللَّهُ يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ  
 ثُمَّ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ۝<sup>١٢</sup> وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ يُبْلِسُ  
 الْمُجْرِمُونَ ۝<sup>١٣</sup> وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُمْ مِنْ شُرَكَائِهِمْ شَفَعُونَ  
 وَكَانُوا بِشُرَكَائِهِمْ كَافِرِينَ ۝<sup>١٤</sup> وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ  
 يُومِذُّ يَتَفَرَّقُونَ ۝<sup>١٥</sup> فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا  
 الصَّالِحَاتِ فَهُمْ فِي رَوْضَةٍ يُحْبَرُونَ ۝<sup>١٦</sup> وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ  
 كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَلِقَاءِ الْآخِرَةِ فَأُولَئِكَ  
 فِي الْعَذَابِ مُحْضَرُونَ ۝<sup>١٧</sup> فَسُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ حِينَ  
 تُمْسُونَ وَحِينَ تُصْبِحُونَ ۝<sup>١٨</sup> وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ فِي السَّمُوتِ  
 وَالْأَرْضِ وَعَشِيًّا وَحِينَ تُظْهِرُونَ ۝<sup>١٩</sup> يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ  
 مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَيُحْيِي  
 الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ۚ وَكَذَلِكَ تُخْرَجُونَ ۝<sup>٢٠</sup> وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ

the end of the evildoers for denying and mocking the signs of Allah.

#### *The Wicked on Judgment Day*

11. It is Allah Who originates the creation, and will resurrect it. And then to Him you will 'all' be returned. 12. On the Day the Hour will arrive, the wicked will be dumb-struck. 13. There will be no intercessors for them from among their associate-gods, and they will 'totally' deny their associate-gods.

#### *The Blessed and the Doomed*

14. And on the Day the Hour will arrive, the people will then be split 'into two groups'. 15. As for those who believed and did good, they will be rejoicing in a Garden. 16. And as for those who disbelieved, and denied Our signs and the meeting 'with Allah' in the Hereafter, they will be confined in punishment.

#### *Keeping up Prayers*

17. So glorify Allah in the evening and in the morning— 18. all praise is for Him in the heavens and the earth—as well as in the afternoon, and at noon.<sup>815</sup>

#### *Allah's Power over Life and Death*

19. He brings forth the living from the dead and the dead from the living. And He gives life to the earth after its death. And so will you be brought forth 'from the grave'.

<sup>815</sup> This verse outlines the times of the five daily prayers. The evening refers to *Maghrib* and '*Ishā'*' prayers, the morning refers to *Fajr*, the afternoon refers to '*Asr*,' and noon refers to *Zuhr*.

### Allah's Signs 1) Creation of Humankind

20. One of His signs is that He created you from dust, then—behold!—you are human beings spreading over 'the earth'.

### Allah's Signs 2) Spouses

21. And one of His signs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves so that you may find comfort in them. And He has placed between you compassion and mercy. Surely in this are signs for people who reflect.

### Allah's Signs 3) Diversity

22. And one of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the diversity of your languages and colours. Surely in this are signs for those of 'sound' knowledge.

### Allah's Signs 4) Sleep and Work

23. And one of His signs is your sleep by night and by day 'for rest' as well as your seeking His bounty 'in both'. Surely in this are signs for people who listen.

### Allah's Signs 5) Lightning

24. And one of His signs is that He shows you lightning, inspiring 'you with' hope and fear.<sup>816</sup> And He sends down rain from the sky, reviving the earth after its death. Surely in this are signs for people who understand.

أَنْ خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ إِذَا أَنْتُمْ بَشَرٌ تَنْتَشِرُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾  
 وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا  
 لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ  
 فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ  
 السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَالْوُأْنِكُمْ ط  
 إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِلْعَالِمِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾ وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ مَنَامُكُمْ  
 بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَابْتِغَاؤُكُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ط إِنَّ فِي  
 ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ يُرِيكُمْ  
 الْبَرْقَ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَيُنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَيُخْرِجُ  
 بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ط إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ  
 لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ تَقُومَ السَّمَاءُ وَ  
 الْأَرْضُ بِأَمْرِهِ ط ثُمَّ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ دَعْوَةً مِّنَ  
 الْأَرْضِ ۖ إِذَا أَنْتُمْ تَخْرُجُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ وَلَهُ مَنْ فِي

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### Allah's Signs 6) The Universe

25. And one of His signs is that the heavens and the earth persist by His command. Then when He calls you out of the earth just once, you will instantly come forth. 26. And to Him

<sup>816</sup> Hope of rain and fear of torment.

السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ كُلٌّ لَّهُ قَتْنُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي  
يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ وَهُوَ أَهْوَنُ عَلَيْهِ ۖ وَلَهُ  
الْمَثَلُ الْأَعْلَىٰ فِي السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ  
الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢٨﴾ ضَرَبَ لَكُم مَّثَلًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ ۖ هَلْ لَّكُمْ  
مِّنْ مَّا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ مِّنْ شُرَكَاءَ فِي مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ  
فَأَن تَمَّ فِيهِ سَوَاءٌ تَخَافُونَهُمْ كَخِيفَتِكُمْ أَنفُسَكُمْ ۗ  
كَذَٰلِكَ نَفْصَلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ بَلِ اتَّبَعَ  
الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا أَهْوَاءَ هُمْ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ ۚ فَمَنْ يَهْدِي  
مَنْ أَضَلَّ اللَّهُ ۖ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِّنْ نَّاصِرِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾ فَأَقِمْ  
وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا ۖ فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ  
عَلَيْهَا ۚ لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ۗ ذَٰلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ ۚ  
وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ مُنِيبِينَ إِلَيْهِ  
وَاتَّقُوهُ ۖ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾

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↑ belong all those in the heavens and the earth—all are subject to His Will.<sup>817</sup> 27. And He is the One Who originates the creation then will resurrect it—which is even easier for Him.<sup>818</sup> To Him belong the finest attributes in the heavens and the earth. And He is the Almighty, All-Wise.

#### An Example for the Polytheists

28. He sets forth for you an example 'drawn' from your own lives: would you allow some of those 'bondspeople' in your possession to be your equal partners in whatever 'wealth' We have provided you, keeping them in mind as you are mindful of your peers?<sup>819</sup> This is how We make the signs clear for people who understand. 29. In fact, the wrongdoers merely follow their desires with no knowledge. Who then can guide those Allah has left to stray? They will have no helpers.

#### Hold Firmly to Faith

30. So be steadfast in faith in all uprightness 'O Prophet'—the natural Way of Allah which He has instilled in 'all' people. Let there be no change in this creation of Allah. That is the Straight Way, but most people do not know. 31. 'O believers!' Always turn to Him 'in repentance', be mindful of Him, and establish prayers. And do not be polytheists—

817 lit., to Him.

818 This is from a human perspective. Otherwise, both the creation of the universe and the resurrection of humans are easy for Allah.

819 The passage says that since humans would not allow those who are inferior to them to become their partners in wealth, how can they set up helpless partners with Allah in His kingdom?

32. 'like' those who have divided their faith and split into sects, each rejoicing in what they have.

#### Human Ingratitude

33. When people are touched with hardship, they cry out to their Lord, turning to Him 'alone'. But as soon as He gives them a taste of His mercy, a group of them associates 'others' with their Lord 'in worship', 34. becoming ungrateful for whatever 'favours' We have given them. So enjoy yourselves, for soon you will know. 35. Or have We sent down to them an authority which attests to what they associate 'with Him'?

#### Human Impatience

36. If We give people a taste of mercy, they become prideful 'because' of it. But if they are afflicted with an evil for what their hands have done, they instantly fall into despair.

#### Interest vs. Charity

37. Have they not seen that Allah gives abundant or limited provisions to whoever He wills? Surely in this are signs for people who believe. 38. So give your close relatives their due, as well as the poor and the 'needy' traveller. That is best for those who seek the pleasure of Allah,<sup>820</sup> and it is they who will be successful. 39. Whatever loans you give,

مِنَ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيَعًا كُلُّ حِزْبٍ  
بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ فَرِحُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَإِذَا مَسَّ النَّاسَ ضُرٌّ دَعَوْا  
رَبَّهُمْ مُنِيبِينَ إِلَيْهِ ثُمَّ إِذَا آذَاهُمْ مِنْهُ رَحْمَةٌ إِذَا  
فَرِيقٌ مِنْهُمْ بِرَبِّهِمْ يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ لِيَكْفُرُوا بِمَا  
آتَيْنَهُمْ فَيَسْتَفْعُوا ۖ فَنُفِيسُوفَ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ أَمْ أَنْزَلْنَا  
عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَانًا فَهُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ بِمَا كَانُوا بِهِ يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾  
وَإِذَا آذَقْنَا النَّاسَ رَحْمَةً فَرِحُوا بِهَا ۖ وَإِنْ تُصِيبُهُمْ  
سَيِّئَةٌ بِمَا قَدَّمَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ إِذَا هُمْ يَقْنَطُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾  
أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ  
إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ فَاتِ ذَا  
الْقُرْبَىٰ حَقَّهُ وَالْيَسِيرَ وَالْإِسْكِينَ وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ  
خَيْرٌ لِّلَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَمَا آتَيْتُمْ مِّن رَّبًّا لِّرَبِّوٓا۟ فِي أَمْوَالِ

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النَّاسِ فَلَا يَرْبُؤًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۖ وَمَا أَتَيْتُمْ مِنْ زَكَاةٍ  
تُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْبُضْعُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ اللَّهُ  
الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ ثُمَّ رَزَقَكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيكُمْ ۖ  
هَلْ مِنْ شَرَكَائِكُمْ مَن يُفْعَلُ مِنْ ذَلِكُمْ مِنْ  
شَيْءٍ ۖ سُبْحَنَهُ وَتَعَالَىٰ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾ ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ  
فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ  
بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٤١﴾ قُلْ سِيرُوا  
فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ  
مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ كَانَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ مُّشْرِكِينَ ﴿٤٢﴾ فَأَقِمَّ وَجْهَكَ  
لِلدِّينِ الْقَيِّمِ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ إِنَّ يَأْتِي يَوْمٌ لَا مَرَدَّ لَهُ  
مِنَ اللَّهِ يَوْمَئِذٍ يُصَدِّعُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾ مَن كَفَرَ فَعَلَيْهِ  
كُفْرُهُ ۖ وَمَن عَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَا نَفْسَهُ يَرْجِيهِمْ يَهْدُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾  
لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۖ

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'only' seeking interest at the expense of people's wealth<sup>821</sup> will not increase with Allah. But whatever charity you give, "only" seeking the pleasure of Allah—it is they whose reward will be multiplied.

### Allah's Might

40. It is Allah Who created you, then gives you provisions, then will cause you to die, and then will bring you back to life. Can any of your associate-gods do any of this? Glorified and Exalted is He above what they associate with Him 'in worship'!

### The Spread of Corruption

41. Corruption has spread on land and sea as a result of what people's hands have done, so that Allah may cause them to taste 'the consequences of' some of their deeds and perhaps they might return 'to the Right Path'. 42. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Travel throughout the land and see what was the end of those 'destroyed' before 'you'—most of them were polytheists."

### The Successful and the Losers

43. So be steadfast in the Upright Faith 'O Prophet', before the coming of a Day from Allah that cannot be averted. On that Day the people will be divided: 44. those who disbelieved will bear 'the burden of' their own disbelief; and those who did good will have prepared for

themselves 'eternal homes', 45. so that He may 'generously' reward those who believe and do good, out of His grace.

<sup>821</sup> Another meaning is the gift given to someone with the intention of getting a more expensive gift in return—a common ancient practice.

He truly does not like the disbelievers.

#### Allah's Signs 7) The Wind

46. And one of His signs is that He sends the winds, ushering in good news 'of rain' so that He may give you a taste of His mercy, and that ships may sail by His command, and that you may seek His bounty, and perhaps you will be grateful.

#### Warning to the Disbelievers

47. Indeed, We sent before you 'O Prophet' messengers, each to their own people, and they came to them with clear proofs. Then We inflicted punishment upon those who persisted in wickedness. For it is Our duty to help the believers.

#### Allah's Signs 8) Rain

48. It is Allah Who sends the winds, which then stir up 'vapour, forming' clouds, which He then spreads out in the sky or piles up into masses as He wills, from which you see rain come forth. Then as soon as He causes it to fall on whoever He wills of His servants, they rejoice, 49. although they had utterly lost hope just before it was sent down to them. 50. See then the impact of Allah's mercy: how He gives life to the earth after its death! Surely That 'same God' can raise the dead. For He is Most Capable of everything.

اِنَّهٗ لَا يُحِبُّ الْكٰفِرِيْنَ ۝۴۶ وَ مِنْ اٰيٰتِهٖ اَنْ يُرْسِلَ  
الرِّيَّاحَ مُبَشِّرٰتٍ وَّلِيْذِيْقَكُم مِّن رَّحْمٰتِهٖ وَّلِتَجْرِىَ  
الْفُلُكُ بِاَمْرِهٖ وَّلِتَبْتَغُوْا مِنْ فَضْلِهٖ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ  
تَشْكُرُوْنَ ۝۴۷ وَلَقَدْ اَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ رُسُلًا اِلٰى  
قَوْمِهِمْ فَجَآءُوْهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنٰتِ فَاَنْتَقَمْنَا مِنَ الَّذِيْنَ  
اَجْرَمُوْا ۝۴۸ وَكَانَ حَقًّا عَلَيْنَا نَصْرُ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ ۝۴۹  
يُرْسِلُ الرِّيَّحَ فَتُثَيِّرُ سَحَابًا فَيُبْسِطُهٗ فِي السَّيَّءِ كَيْفَ  
يَشَآءُ وَيَجْعَلُهٗ كِسْفًا فَتَرٰى الْوُدْقَ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ  
خِلَالِهٖ ۝۵۰ فَاِذَا اَصَابَ بِهٖ مَنْ يَّشَآءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهٖ  
اِذَا هُمْ يَسْتَبْشِرُوْنَ ۝۵۱ وَاِنْ كَانُوْا مِنْ قَبْلِ اَنْ  
يُنَزَّلَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِّنْ قَبْلِهٖ لَمُبْلِسِيْنَ ۝۵۲ فَاَنْظُرْ اِلٰى  
اَسْرِ رَحْمَتِ اللّٰهِ كَيْفَ يُحْيِ الْاَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ۝  
اِنَّ ذٰلِكَ لَمُنٰى الْمَوْتِ ۝ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ ۝۵۳

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51. Then if We send a 'harsh' wind which they see withering 'their' crops, they will definitely deny 'old favours' right after.

#### The Dead, Deaf, and Blind

52. So you 'O Prophet' certainly cannot make the dead hear 'the truth'. Nor can you make the deaf hear the call when they turn their backs and walk away.

53. Nor can you lead the blind out of their misguidance. You can make none hear 'the truth' except those who believe in Our revelations, 'fully' submitting 'to Allah'.

#### Allah's Power of Creation

54. It is Allah Who created you in a state of weakness, then developed 'your' weakness into strength, then developed 'your' strength into weakness and old age.<sup>822</sup> He creates whatever He wills. For He is the All-Knowing, Most Capable.

#### Fleeting Life

55. And on the Day the Hour will arrive, the wicked will swear that they did not stay 'in this world' more than an hour. In this way they were always deluded 'in the world'. 56. But those gifted with knowledge and faith will say 'to them', "You did actually stay—as destined by Allah—until the Day of Resurrection 'which you denied'! But you did not know 'it was true'." 57. So

وَلَيْنَ أَرْسَلْنَا رِيحًا فَرَأَوْهُ مُصْفَرًّا لَّظَلُّوا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ

يَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ فَإِنَّكَ لَا تَسْمِعُ الْمَوْتَىٰ وَلَا تَسْمِعُ الصَّمَمَ

الدُّعَاءَ إِذَا وَلَّوْا مُدْبِرِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾ وَمَا أَنْتَ بِهَادٍ الْعُمْيَ

عَنْ ضَلَالَتِهِمْ ۚ إِنْ تَسْمِعُ إِلَّا مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا

فَهُمْ مُّسْلِمُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ ضَعْفٍ

ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ ضَعْفٍ قُوَّةً ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْ

بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ ضَعْفًا وَشَيْبَةً ۚ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ ۚ وَهُوَ

الْعَلِيمُ الْقَدِيرُ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ يُقْسِمُ

الْبَجْرُمُونَ ۚ مَا لَبِثُوا غَيْرَ سَاعَةٍ ۚ كَذَلِكَ كَانُوا

يُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ وَالْإِيمَانَ

لَقَدْ لَبِثْتُمْ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْبَعْثِ ۖ فَبِذَا يَوْمٍ

الْبَعْثِ وَلَكِنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾ فَيَوْمَئِذٍ

لَا يَنْفَعُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مَعذَرَتُهُمْ وَلَا هُمْ يُسْتَعْتَبُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَا

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on that Day the wrongdoers' excuses will not benefit them, nor will they be allowed to appease 'their Lord'.

## Advice to the Prophet

58. We have certainly set forth every 'kind of' lesson for people in this Quran. And no matter what sign you bring to them 'O Prophet', the disbelievers will definitely say 'to the believers', "You are only a people of falsehood." 59. This is how Allah seals the hearts of those unwilling to know 'the truth'. 60. So be patient, for the promise of Allah certainly is true. And do not be disturbed by those who have no sure faith.



## 31. Luqmân (Luqmân)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

## Qualities of True Believers

1. *Alif-Lām-Mīm*. 2. These are the verses of the Book, rich in wisdom. 3. 'It is' a guide and mercy for the good-doers— 4. those who establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and have sure faith in the Hereafter. 5. It is they who are 'truly' guided by their Lord, and it is they who will be successful.

## Distracting People from the Truth

6. But there are some who employ theatrics,<sup>823</sup> only to lead others away from Allah's Way—without any knowledge—and to make a mockery of it.

وَلَقَدْ ضَرَبْنَا لِلنَّاسِ فِي هَٰذَا الْقُرْآنِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَثَلٍ  
وَلَئِنْ جِئْتَهُمْ بِآيَةٍ لَيَقُولَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنْ  
أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا مُبْطِلُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾ كَذَٰلِكَ يَطْبَعُ اللَّهُ عَلَى  
قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾ فَاصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ  
اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَلَا يَسْتَخِفُّكَ الَّذِينَ لَا يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾

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﴿آيَاتُهَا ٣٣﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْبَقَرَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٥٤)﴾ ﴿رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٣﴾  
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الْم ١ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْحَكِيمِ ٢ هُدًى  
وَرَحْمَةً لِلْمُحْسِنِينَ ٣ الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ  
وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ ٤  
أُولَٰئِكَ عَلَىٰ هُدًى مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
الْمُفْلِحُونَ ٥ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَشْتَرِي لَهْوَ  
الْحَدِيثِ لِيُضِلَّ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ ٦

وَيَتَّخِذَهَا

مَنْزِلَةً

823 Some pagan Arabs used to utilize singing, dancing, chanting, etc. to distract people's attention from listening to the recitation of the Quran.

وَيَتَّخِذَهَا هُزُوًا ۖ اُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ﴿٧﴾  
 وَاِذَا تُتْلٰى عَلَيْهِ اٰيٰتُنَا وَلِيَ مُّسْتَكْبِرًا ۚ كَاَن لَّمْ  
 يَسْمَعْهَا كَاَن فِىْ اُذُنَيْهِ وَقْرًا ۚ فَبَشِّرْهُ بِعَذَابٍ  
 اَلِيْمٍ ﴿٨﴾ اِنَّ الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا وَعَمِلُوا الصّٰلِحٰتِ لَهُمْ  
 جَنّٰتُ النَّعِيْمِ ﴿٩﴾ خٰلِدِيْنَ فِيْهَا ۖ وَعَدَ اللّٰهُ حَقًّا ۖ ط  
 وَهُوَ الْعَزِيْزُ الْحَكِيْمُ ﴿١٠﴾ خَلَقَ السَّمٰوٰتِ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ  
 تَّرَوْنَهَا ۚ وَالْقَى فِى الْاَرْضِ رَوَاسِىً اَنْ تَمِيْدَ بِكُمْ  
 وَبَثَّ فِيْهَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَآبَّةٍ ۖ ط وَاَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَآءِ  
 مَآءً فَاَنْبَتْنَا فِيْهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ كَرِيْمٍ ﴿١١﴾ هٰذَا خَلْقُ  
 اللّٰهِ فَاَرُوْنِىْ مَاذَا خَلَقَ الَّذِيْنَ مِنْ دُوْنِهٖ ۖ ط بَلِ  
 الظّٰلِمُوْنَ فِيْ ضَلٰلٍ مُّبِيْنٍ ﴿١٢﴾ وَلَقَدْ اَتَيْنَا لُقْمٰنَ  
 الْحِكْمَةَ اَنْ اَشْكُرَ لِلّٰهِ ۖ ط وَمَنْ يَّشْكُرْ فَاِنَّمَا يَشْكُرُ  
 لِنَفْسِهٖ ۚ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَاِنَّ اللّٰهَ غَنِىٌّ حَمِيْدٌ ﴿١٣﴾ وَاِذَا

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They will suffer a humiliating punishment. 7. Whenever Our revelations are recited to them, they turn away in arrogance as if they did not hear them, as if there is deafness in their ears. So give them good news 'O Prophet' of a painful punishment.

#### Reward of the Believers

8. Surely those who believe and do good will have the Gardens of Bliss, 9. staying there forever. Allah's promise is true. And He is the Almighty, All-Wise.

#### Allah's Creation

10. He created the heavens without pillars—as you can see—and placed firm mountains upon the earth so it does not shake with you, and scattered throughout it all types of creatures. And We send down rain from the sky, causing every type of fine plant to grow on earth. 11. This is Allah's creation. Now show Me what those 'gods' other than Him have created. In fact, the wrongdoers are clearly astray.

#### Luqmân's Advice: 1) Worship Allah Alone

12. Indeed, We blessed Luqmân with wisdom, 'saying', "Be grateful to Allah, for whoever is grateful, it is only for their own good. And whoever is ungrateful, then surely Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy."<sup>824</sup> 13. And 're-

member" when Luqmân said to his son,

while advising him, "O my dear son! Never associate 'anything' with Allah 'in worship', for associating 'others with Him' is truly the worst of all wrongs."

### 2) Honour Your Parents<sup>825</sup>

14. And We have commanded people to 'honour' their parents. Their mothers bore them through hardship upon hardship, and their weaning takes two years. So be grateful to Me and your parents. To Me is the final return. 15. But if they pressure you to associate with Me what you have no knowledge of,<sup>826</sup> do not obey them. Still keep their company in this world courteously, and follow the way of those who turn to Me 'in devotion'. Then to Me you will 'all' return, and then I will inform you of what you used to do.

### 3) Know That Allah Will Judge All Deeds

16. 'Luqmân added,' "O my dear son! 'Even' if a deed were the weight of a mustard seed—be it 'hidden' in a rock or in the heavens or the earth—Allah will bring it forth. Surely Allah is Most Subtle, All-Aware.

### 4) Fulfil Your Duty to Allah

17. "O my dear son! Establish prayer, encourage what is good and forbid what is evil, and endure patiently whatever befalls you. Surely this is a resolve to aspire to.

قَالَ لُقْمَنُ لِابْنِهِ وَهُوَ يَعْظُهُ يَبْنَى لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ  
إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ ١٣ وَصَلَيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ  
بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهْنًا عَلَى وَهْنٍ وَفِصْلُهَا  
فِي عَامَيْنِ أَنْ اشْكُرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ ١٤ إِلَى الْمَصِيرِ ١٥  
وَإِنْ جَاهَدَكَ عَلَى أَنْ تُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ  
عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا وَصَاحِبْهُمَا فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا ١٦  
وَاتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ مَنْ أَنَابَ إِلَيَّ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ مَرْجِعِكُمْ  
فَأُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ١٧ يُبْنَىٰ إِنَّهَا إِنْ تَكُ  
مِثْقَالَ حَبَّةٍ مِّنْ خَرْدَلٍ فَتَكُنْ فِي صَخْرَةٍ أَوْ  
فِي السَّمَاءِ أَوْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَأْتِ بِهَا اللَّهُ ١٨ إِنَّ  
اللَّهَ لَطِيفٌ خَبِيرٌ ١٩ يَبْنَىٰ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ وَآمُرْ  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَانْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأَصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا  
أَصَابَكَ ٢٠ إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ ٢١ وَلَا تُصَعِّرْ

حَدَّثَكَ لِلنَّاسِ

مَرْكُزٌ ٥

825 The Quran usually combines the command to worship Allah with the order to honour one's parents (see 6:151 and 17:23). This is why this passage interjects Luqmân's advice to his son. In some instances, the Quran follows the order to be kind to parents with emphasizing the role of the mother. This is because some of the mother's sacrifices take place before the child is born and when they are too young. So the Quran brings these sacrifices to the children's attention.

826 Other gods.

خَذَكَ لِلنَّاسِ وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا ۚ  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ ۝ (١٨) ۚ وَاقْصِدْ  
 فِي مَشْيِكَ وَاعْضِضْ مِنْ صَوْتِكَ ۚ إِنَّ أَنْكَرَ  
 الْأَصْوَاتِ لَصَوْتُ الْحَمِيرِ ۝ (١٩) ۚ أَلَمْ تَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ  
 سَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
 وَأَسْبَغَ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعَمَهُ ظَاهِرَةً وَبَاطِنَةً ۚ وَمِنَ  
 النَّاسِ مَن يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَلَا هُدًى  
 وَلَا كِتَابٍ مُّنِيرٍ ۝ (٢٠) ۚ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمُ اتَّبِعُوا مَا  
 أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ مَا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ  
 آبَاءَنَا أَوَّلَوْ كَان الشَّيْطٰنُ يَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ  
 السَّعِيرِ ۝ (٢١) ۚ وَمَن يُسَلِّمْ وَجْهَهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَهُوَ  
 مُحْسِنٌ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ ۚ وَإِلَى  
 اللَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ ۝ (٢٢) ۚ وَمَن كَفَرَ فَلَا يَحْزُنكَ

## 5) Be Humble

18. "And do not turn your nose up to people, nor walk pridefully upon the earth. Surely Allah does not like whoever is arrogant, boastful. 19. Be moderate in your pace. And lower your voice, for the ugliest of all voices is certainly the braying of donkeys."

## Allah's Favours

20. Have you not seen that Allah has subjected for you whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth, and has lavished His favours upon you, both seen and unseen? "Still" there are some who dispute about Allah without knowledge, or guidance, or an enlightening scripture. 21. When it is said to them, "Follow what Allah has revealed," they reply, "No! We 'only' follow what we found our forefathers practicing." "Would they still do so" even if Satan is inviting them to the torment of the Blaze?

## The Believers and the Disbelievers

22. Whoever fully submits themselves to Allah and is a good-doer, they have certainly grasped the firmest hand-hold. And with Allah rests the outcome of 'all' affairs. 23. But whoever disbelieves,

do not let their disbelief grieve you 'O Prophet'. To Us is their return, and We will inform them of all they did. Surely Allah knows best what is 'hidden' in the heart. 24. We allow them enjoyment for a little while, then 'in time' We will force them into a harsh torment. 25. And if you ask them who created the heavens and the earth, they will definitely say, "Allah!" Say, "Praise be to Allah!" In fact, most of them do not know.

#### *Allah's Infinite Knowledge*

26. To Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. Allah is truly the Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy. 27. If all the trees on earth were pens and the ocean 'were ink', refilled by seven other oceans, the Words of Allah would not be exhausted. Surely Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.

#### *Allah's Infinite Power*

28. The creation and resurrection of you 'all' is as simple 'for Him' as that of a single soul. Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing. 29. Do you not see that Allah causes the night to merge into the day and the day into the night, and has subjected the sun and the moon, each orbiting for an appointed term, and that Allah is All-Aware of what you do? 30. That is because Allah 'alone' is the Truth

كُفْرُهُ ۖ إِلَيْنَا مَرْجِعُهُمْ فَنُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا عَمِلُوا ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿٢٦﴾ مُتَّبِعُهُمْ فَلِيلًا ثُمَّ نَضْطَرُّهُمْ إِلَىٰ عَذَابٍ غَلِيظٍ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ ۗ قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ۗ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَلَوْ أَنَّ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ أَقْلَامٌ وَالْبَحْرُ يَمْدُءُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ سَبْعَةُ أَبْحُرٍ مَا نَفِدَتْ كَلِمَاتُ اللَّهِ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٣٠﴾ مَا خَلَقَكُمْ وَلَا بَعَثَكُمْ إِلَّا كَفْئَسٍ ۖ وَاحِدَةٍ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٣١﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُولِجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ ۖ كُلٌّ يَجْرِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ۚ وَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٣٢﴾ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ

هُوَ الْحَقُّ

مَنْزِلُهُ

هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ الْبَاطِلُ ۚ  
وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ ۝ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ الْفُلْكَ  
تَجَرَّى فِي الْبَحْرِ بِنِعْمَتِ اللَّهِ لِيُرِيَكُمْ مِنْ آيَاتِهِ ط  
إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ ۝ وَإِذَا  
غَشِيَهم مَوْجٌ كَالظُّلَلِ دَعَوْا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ  
لَهُ الدِّينَ ۖ فَلَمَّا نَجَّاهُمْ إِلَى الْبَرِّ فَمِنْهُمْ مُقْتَصِدٌ ط  
وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا كُلُّ خَتَّارٍ كَفُورٍ ۝ يَأَيُّهَا  
النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ وَاحْشَوْا يَوْمًا لَا يَجْزِي  
وَالِدٌ عَنْ وَلَدِهِ وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ هُوَ جَازٍ عَنْ  
وَالِدِهِ شَيْئًا ۖ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ فَلَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ  
الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا ۖ وَلَا يَغُرَّنَّكُم بِاللَّهِ الْعُرُورُ ۝ ٣٣  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ ۖ وَيُنْزِلُ الْغَيْثَ ۚ  
وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْأَرْحَامِ ط وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ مَّا

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and what they invoke besides Him is falsehood, and 'because' Allah 'alone' is the Most High, All-Great.

### Human Ingratitude

31. Do you not see that the ships sail 'smoothly' through the sea by the grace of Allah so that He may show you some of His signs? Surely in this are signs for whoever is steadfast, grateful. 32. And as soon as they are overwhelmed by waves like mountains, they cry out to Allah 'alone' in sincere devotion. But when He delivers them 'safely' to shore, only some become relatively grateful. And none rejects Our signs except whoever is deceitful, ungrateful.

### Warning of Judgment Day

33. O humanity! Be mindful of your Lord, and beware of a Day when no parent will be of any benefit to their child, nor will a child be of any benefit to their parent. Surely Allah's promise is true. So do not let the life of this world deceive you, nor let the Chief Deceiver<sup>827</sup> deceive you about Allah.

### The Five Keys of the Unseen<sup>828</sup>

34. Indeed, Allah 'alone' has the knowledge of the Hour. He sends down the rain,<sup>829</sup> and knows what is in the wombs.<sup>830</sup>

827 Satan.

828 See footnote for 6:59.

829 He knows precisely when, where, and how much rain falls, and whether it is going to be drunk by people and animals or used for irrigation, or absorbed by the earth, etc.

830 The Prophet (ﷺ) was reported in a *hadith* collected by Bukhâri and Muslim to have said, "Indeed, the creation of each one of you is brought together in the womb of one's mother as a drop of 'male and female' discharges for forty days, then one becomes a clinging clot of blood for a similar period, then a lump of flesh for a similar period. Then an angel is sent to blow the breath of life into the embryo. The angel is then commanded to write four things: one's destined provisions, lifespan, actions, and whether one will be happy or miserable 'in the Hereafter'."

No soul knows what it will earn for tomorrow, and no soul knows in what land it will die. Surely Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware.



### 32. The Prostration (As-Sajdah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Reassuring the Prophet

1. *Alif-Lām-Mīm*. 2. The revelation of this Book is—beyond doubt—from the Lord of all worlds. 3. Or do they say, “He has fabricated it!”? No! It is the truth from your Lord in order for you to warn a people to whom no warner has come before you, so they may be ‘rightly’ guided.

#### Allah's Power of Creation

4. It is Allah Who has created the heavens and the earth and everything in between in six Days,<sup>831</sup> then established Himself on the Throne. You have no protector or intercessor besides Him. Will you not then be mindful? 5. He conducts every affair from the heavens to the earth, then it all ascends to Him on a Day whose length is a thousand years by your counting. 6. That is the Knower

ذَٰلِكَ كَسِبَ غَدًا ۖ وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ بِأَيِّ أَرْضٍ

تَهْوَتْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ۝

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا ٣٠﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ السَّجْدَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ٤٥﴾ ﴿رُكُوعَاهُمَا ٣﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝

الْم ۝ تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ مِنْ رَبِّ

الْعَالَمِينَ ۝ أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ ۚ بَلْ هُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ

رَبِّكَ لِتُنذِرَ قَوْمًا مَّا أَتَتْهُمْ مِنْ نَذِيرٍ مِّنْ قَبْلِكَ

لَعَلَّهُمْ يَهْتَدُونَ ۝ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ

وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ

عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۚ مَا لَكُمْ مِّنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا

شَفِيعٍ ۚ أَفَلَا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ ۝ يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ مِنَ

السَّمَاءِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ ثُمَّ يَعْرُجُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمٍ

كَانَ مِقْدَارُهُ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ مِّمَّا تَعُدُّونَ ۝ ذَٰلِكَ

عَلِيمُ الْغَيْبِ

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عِلْمُ الْغَيْبِ وَ الشَّهَادَةُ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ٧ الَّذِي  
 أَحْسَنَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلْقَهُ وَبَدَأَ خَلْقَ الْإِنْسَانِ  
 مِنْ طِينٍ ٨ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ نَسْلَهُ مِنْ سُلَالَةٍ مِّنْ مَّاءٍ  
 مَّهِينٍ ٩ ثُمَّ سَوَّاهُ وَنَفَخَ فِيهِ مِنْ رُّوحِهِ وَجَعَلَ  
 لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ ١٠ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ١١  
 وَقَالُوا إِذَا ضَلَلْنَا فِي الْأَرْضِ أَإِنَّا لَفِي خَلْقٍ  
 جَدِيدٍ ١٢ بَلْ هُمْ بِلِقَاءِ رَبِّهِمْ كَفُرُونَ ١٣ قُلْ  
 يَتَوَقَّعُكُمْ مَلَكُ الْمَوْتِ الَّذِي وُكِّلَ بِكُمْ ثُمَّ  
 إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ تُرْجَعُونَ ١٤ وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذِ الْمُبْرِمُونَ  
 نَاكِسُوا رُءُوسِهِمْ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ ١٥ رَبَّنَا أَبْصَرْنَا  
 وَسَمِعْنَا فَارْجِعْنَا نَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا إِنَّا مُوقِنُونَ ١٦  
 وَلَوْ شِئْنَا لَآتَيْنَا كُلَّ نَفْسٍ هُدًى وَلَكِنْ حَقَّ  
 الْقَوْلُ مِنِّي لَأَمْلَأَنَّ جَهَنَّمَ مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ

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of the seen and unseen—the Almighty, Most Merciful, 7. Who has perfected everything He created. And He originated the creation of humankind from clay.<sup>832</sup> 8. Then He made his descendants from an extract of a humble fluid, 9. then He fashioned them and had a spirit of His Own 'creation' breathed into them. And He gave you hearing, sight, and intellect. 'Yet' you hardly give any thanks.

#### The Deniers of Resurrection

10. 'Still' they ask 'mockingly', "When we are disintegrated into the earth, will we really be raised as a new creation?" In fact, they are in denial of the meeting with their Lord. 11. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Your soul will be taken by the Angel of Death, who is in charge of you. Then to your Lord you will 'all' be returned." 12. If only you could see the wicked hanging their heads 'in shame' before their Lord, 'crying:' "Our Lord! We have now seen and heard, so send us back and we will do good. We truly have sure faith 'now'!" 13. Had We willed, We could have easily imposed guidance on every soul. But My Word will come to pass: I will surely fill up Hell with jinn and humans all

together. 14. So taste 'the punishment' for neglecting the meeting of this Day of yours. We 'too' will certainly neglect you. And taste the torment of eternity for what you used to do!

#### Qualities of the Believers

15. The only 'true' believers in Our revelation are those who—when it is recited to them—fall into prostration and glorify the praises of their Lord and are not too proud. 16. They abandon their beds, invoking their Lord with hope and fear, and donate from what We have provided for them. 17. No soul can imagine what delights are kept in store for them as a reward for what they used to do.

#### The Faithful and the Rebellious

18. Is the one who is a believer equal 'before Allah' to the one who is rebellious? They are not equal! 19. As for those who believe and do good, they will have the Gardens of 'Eternal' Residence—as an accommodation for what they used to do. 20. But as for those who are rebellious, the Fire will be their home. Whenever they try to escape from it, they will be forced back into it, and will be told, "Taste the Fire's torment,

أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٢﴾ فَذُوقُوا بِمَا نَسِيتُمْ لِقَاءَ يَوْمِكُمْ هَٰذَا  
إِنَّا نَسِينَكُمْ وَذُوقُوا عَذَابَ الْخُلْدِ بِمَا كُنتُمْ  
تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ إِنَّمَا يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا  
بِهَا خَرُّوا سُجَّدًا وَسَبَّحُوا بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَهُمْ لَا  
يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ تَتَجَافَى السُّجَّةُ جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ  
يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا رَوَّعًا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴿١٥﴾  
فَلَا تَعْلَمُ نَفْسٌ مَّا أُخْفِيَ لَهُمْ مِّن قُرَّةِ أَعْيُنٍ ۚ  
جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ أَفَمَن كَانَ مُؤْمِنًا  
كَمَن كَانَ فَاسِقًا لَا يَسْتَوُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ أَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَلَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ الْمَأْوَىٰ ذُنُورًا بِمَا  
كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فَسَقُوا فَمَأْوَاهُمُ النَّارُ  
كُلَّمَا أَرَادُوا أَن يَخْرُجُوا مِنْهَا أُعِيدُوا فِيهَا  
وَقِيلَ لَهُمْ ذُوقُوا عَذَابَ النَّارِ الَّتِي كُنتُمْ بِهِ

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تَكْذِبُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَلَنَذِقَنَّهُمْ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ الْأَدْنَى  
دُونَ الْعَذَابِ الْأَكْبَرِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ وَتَنْ  
أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ ذُكِّرَ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِ ثُمَّ أَعْرَضَ عَنْهَا ط  
إِنَّا مِنَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ مُنتَقِمُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى  
الْكِتَابَ فَلَا تَكُنْ فِي مِرْيَةٍ مِّن لِّقَائِهِ وَجَعَلْنَاهُ  
هُدًى لِّبَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ آيَةً  
يَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا لَمَّا صَبَرُوا ۖ وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا  
يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ يَفْصِلُ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ  
فِي مَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَهْدِ لَهُمْ كَمْ  
أَهْلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِّنَ الْقُرُونِ يَيسُّونَ فِي  
مَسْكِنِهِمْ ط إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ ط أَفَلَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾  
أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا نَسُوقُ الْمَاءَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الْجُرَيْرِ  
فَنُخْرِجُ بِهِ زَرْعًا تَأْكُلُ مِنْهُ أَنْعَامُهُمْ وَأَنْفُسُهُمْ ط

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which you used to deny.” 21. We will certainly make them taste some of the minor torment ‘in this life’ before the major torment ‘of the Hereafter’, so perhaps they will return ‘to the Right Path’. 22. And who does more wrong than the one who is reminded of Allah’s revelations then turns away from them? We will surely inflict punishment upon the wicked.

#### Divine Revelations

23. Indeed, We gave the Scripture to Moses—so let there be no doubt ‘O Prophet’ that you ‘too’ are receiving revelations—<sup>833</sup>and We made it a guide for the Children of Israel. 24. We raised from among them leaders,<sup>834</sup> guiding by Our command, when they patiently endured and firmly believed in Our signs. 25. Indeed, your Lord will decide between them on the Day of Judgment regarding their differences.

#### Warning to the Disbelievers

26. Is it not yet clear to them how many peoples We destroyed before them, whose ruins they still pass by? Surely in this are signs. Will they not then listen? 27. Do they not see how We drive rain to parched land, producing ‘various’ crops from which they and their cattle eat?

833 Other possible translations: 1. “Do not be in doubt that Moses received it.” 2. “Do not be in doubt of your meeting with Moses.”

834 i.e., prophets.

Will they not then see?

### The Deniers of Judgment

28. They ask 'mockingly', "When is this 'Day of final' Decision, if what you say is true?" 29. Say, 'O Prophet,' "On the Day of Decision it will not benefit the disbelievers to believe then, nor will they be delayed 'from punishment'." 30. So turn away from them, and wait! They too are waiting.

### 33. The Enemy Alliance (Al-Aḥzâb)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Orders to the Prophet

1. O Prophet! 'Always' be mindful of Allah, and do not yield to the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Indeed, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. 2. Follow what is revealed to you from your Lord. Surely Allah is All-Aware of what you 'all' do. 3. And put your trust in Allah, for Allah is sufficient as a Trustee of Affairs.

#### Rules on Divorce and Adoption<sup>835</sup>

4. Allah does not place two hearts in any person's chest. Nor does He regard your wives as 'unlawful for you like' your real mothers, 'even' if you say they are.<sup>836</sup> Nor does He regard your adopted children as your real children.<sup>837</sup> These are only your baseless assertions.

<sup>835</sup> The passage says that as a person cannot have two hearts, similarly, a man cannot have two real mothers, nor can a child have two real fathers.

<sup>836</sup> This divorce (called *zihâr*) was commonly practiced in Arabia before the Prophet (ﷺ). If a man declared his wife as unlawful for him as the *zahr* (back) of his mother, his wife would be divorced. Islam abolished this type of divorce (see 58:3-4).

<sup>837</sup> The following distinction should be made:

- Sponsorship (which is permissible): a person can sponsor a child or host them in their home and care for them as they care for their own children, except for legal matters. For example, adopted children keep their last names, are allowed to marry the children of their adopted parent, adopted and biological children of the opposite sex should dress modestly in front of each other, and do not have a share in the estate of their adopted parents, but can get a share of inheritance (up to one-third of the estate) through bequest (*wasīyah*).
- Adoption: a person is not allowed to take an orphan and give them his/her last name, give them a share of inheritance similar to their own children, etc.

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أَفَلَا يَجْرُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْفَتْحُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾ قُلْ يَوْمَ الْفَتْحِ لَا يَنْفَعُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِيْمَانُهُمْ وَلَا هُمْ يُنْظَرُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهُمْ وَانْتَظِرِ إِنَّهُمْ مُنْتَظَرُونَ ﴿٣١﴾

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يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ وَلَا تُطِيعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا ۖ وَاتَّبِعْ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ۖ وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۚ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ۚ مَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِرَجُلٍ مِّنْ قَلْبَيْنِ فِي جَوْفِهِ ۚ وَمَا جَعَلَ أَزْوَاجَكُمْ الَّتِي تَنْظُرُونَ مِنْهُنَّ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ ۚ وَمَا جَعَلَ أَدْعِيَاءَكُمْ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ قَوْلُكُمْ بِأَفْوَاهِكُمْ

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بِأَفْوَاهِكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَقُولُ الْحَقَّ وَهُوَ يَهْدِي السَّبِيلَ ۝  
 أَدْعُوهُمْ لِأَبَائِهِمْ هُوَ أَقْسَطُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ لَمْ  
 تَعْلَمُوا آبَاءَهُمْ فَإِخْوَانُكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَمَوَالِيكُمْ ۝  
 وَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ فِيمَا أَخْطَأْتُمْ بِهِ وَلَا كُنْ  
 مَا تَعَمَّدَتْ قُلُوبُكُمْ ۝ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا  
 رَحِيمًا ۝ النَّبِيُّ أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ  
 وَأَزْوَاجُهُ أُمَّهَاتُهُمْ ۝ وَأُولُوا الْأَرْحَامِ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلَىٰ  
 بِبَعْضٍ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُهَاجِرِينَ إِلَّا  
 أَنْ تَفْعَلُوا إِلَىٰ أَوْلِيَائِكُمْ مَعْرُوفًا ۝ كَانَ ذَلِكَ  
 فِي الْكِتَابِ مَسْطُورًا ۝ وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ  
 مِيثَاقَهُمْ وَمِنْكَ وَمِنْ نُوحٍ وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَىٰ  
 وَعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ ۖ وَآخَذْنَا مِنْهُم مِّيثَاقًا غَلِيظًا ۝  
 لَيْسَكَ الصَّدِيقِينَ عَنْ صِدْقِهِمْ ۖ وَأَعَدَّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ

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But Allah declares the truth, and He 'alone' guides to the 'Right' Way.  
 5. Let your adopted children keep their family names. That is more just in the sight of Allah. But if you do not know their fathers, then they are 'simply' your fellow believers and close associates. There is no blame on you for what you do by mistake, but 'only' for what you do intentionally. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### Guidelines for the Believers

6. The Prophet has a stronger affinity to the believers than they do themselves. And his wives are their mothers. As ordained by Allah, blood relatives are more entitled 'to inheritance' than 'other' believers and immigrants, unless you 'want to' show kindness to your 'close' associates 'through bequest'.<sup>838</sup> This is decreed in the Record.<sup>839</sup>

#### Covenant to Deliver the Truth

7. And 'remember' when We took a covenant from the prophets, as well as from you 'O Prophet', and from Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus, son of Mary. We did take a solemn covenant from 'all of' them 8. so that He may question these men of truth about their 'delivery of the' truth.

838 This verse confirms a ruling mentioned in 8:75 which ended a previous ruling that allowed inheritance between Muslims from Mecca (*Al-Muhâ-jirûn*, the Emigrants) and Muslims from Medina (*Al-Anshâr*, the Helpers). Now, only relatives can inherit from one another, whereas non-heirs can receive a share through bequest, up to one third of the estate. See 4:7, 11-13, 32-33, and 176.

839 The Record refers to the Preserved Tablet (*Al-Lawh Al-Mahfûz*) in which Allah has written the destiny of His entire creation.

And He has prepared a painful punishment for the disbelievers.

#### The Battle of the Trench

9. O believers! Remember Allah's favour upon you when 'enemy' forces came to 'besiege' you 'in Medina',<sup>840</sup> so We sent against them a 'bitter' wind and forces you could not see.<sup>841</sup> And Allah is All-Seeing of what you do. 10. 'Remember' when they came at you from east and west,<sup>842</sup> when your eyes grew wild 'in horror' and your hearts jumped into your throats, and you entertained 'conflicting' thoughts about Allah.<sup>843</sup> 11. Then and there the believers were put to the test, and were violently shaken.

#### Stance of the Hypocrites

12. And 'remember' when the hypocrites and those with sickness in their hearts said, "Allah and His Messenger have promised us nothing but delusion!" 13. And 'remember' when a group of them said, "O people of Yathrib!<sup>844</sup> There is no point in you staying 'here', so retreat!" Another group of them asked the Prophet's permission 'to leave', saying, "Our homes are vulnerable," while 'in fact' they were not vulnerable. They only wished to flee. 14. Had their city been sacked from all sides and they had been asked to abandon faith,

عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ۝ يٰۤاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا اذْكُرُوْا نِعْمَةَ اللّٰهِ  
عَلَيْكُمْ اِذْ جَآءَتْكُمْ جُنُوْدٌ فَاَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ رِيْحًا  
وَّجُنُوْدًا لَّمْ تَرَوْهَا ۚ وَكَانَ اللّٰهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُوْنَ بَصِيْرًا ۝  
اِذْ جَآءَ وُكُومٌ مِّنْ فَوْقِكُمْ وَمِنْ اَسْفَلَ مِنكُمْ ۚ وَاِذْ  
رَاَعَتِ الْاَبْصَارُ وَبَلَغَتِ الْقُلُوْبُ الْحَنَاجِرَ وَتَظُنُّوْنَ  
بِاللّٰهِ الظُّنُوْنَ ۝ هُنَالِكَ ابْتُلِيَ الْمُؤْمِنُوْنَ وَزُلْزِلُوْا  
زِلْزَالًا شَدِيْدًا ۝ وَاِذْ يَقُوْلُ الْمُنٰفِقُوْنَ وَالَّذِيْنَ  
فِيْ قُلُوْبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ مَّا وَعَدَنَا اللّٰهُ وَرَسُوْلُهٗٓ اِلَّا  
غُرُوْرًا ۝ وَاِذْ قَالَتْ طَآئِفَةٌ مِّنْهُمْ يٰۤاَهْلَ  
يَثْرِبَ لَا مُقَامَ لَكُمْ فَارْجِعُوْا ۚ وَيَسْتَاْذِنُ فَرِيْقٌ  
مِّنْهُمْ النَّبِيَّ يَقُوْلُوْنَ اِنَّ بَيُوْتَنَا عَوْرَةٌ ۚ وَمَا هِيَ  
بِعَوْرَةٍ اِنْ يَّרِيْدُوْنَ اِلَّا فِرَارًا ۝ وَلَوْ دُخِلَتْ  
عَلَيْهِمْ مِّنْ اَقْطَارِهَا ثُمَّ سُلُوْا الْفِتْنَةَ لَا تَوْهَا  
وَمَا تَلَبَّثُوْا

840 In 5 A.H./627 C.E., the Meccan pagans along with some Arab and Jewish tribes (totalling around 10 000 soldiers) laid a siege around Medina, where the Prophet (ﷺ) was positioned with 3000 soldiers. The Prophet (ﷺ) had anticipated the offence and, upon an advice from one of his companions, dug a trench around the city to protect it from invaders. After several unsuccessful attempts to cross the trench, the allied enemies quickly lost morale, and were forced to end the siege due to severe weather conditions. This encounter is commonly known as the Battle of the Trench or the Enemy Alliance.

841 The angels.

842 lit., from above and below you.

843 The believers were reassured while the doubts of the hypocrites grew more fierce.

844 Yathrib was the name of Medina before the arrival of the Prophet (ﷺ) and Muslim emigrants.

they would have done so with little hesitation.

#### Warning to the Hypocrites

15. They had already pledged to Allah earlier never to turn their backs 'in retreat'. And a pledge to Allah must be answered for. 16. Say, 'O Prophet,' 'Fleeing will not benefit you if you 'try to' escape a natural or violent death. 'If it is not your time,' you will only be allowed enjoyment for a little while.'<sup>845</sup>

17. Ask 'them, O Prophet', 'Who can put you out of Allah's reach if He intends to harm you or show you mercy?' They can never find any protector or helper besides Allah.

#### Hypocritical Tactics

18. Allah knows well those among you who discourage 'others from fighting', saying 'secretly' to their brothers, "Stay with us," and who themselves hardly take part in fighting. 19. 'They are' totally unwilling to assist you. When danger comes, you see them staring at you with their eyes rolling like someone in the throes of death. But once the danger is over, they slash you with razor-sharp tongues, ravenous for 'worldly' gains. Such people have not 'truly' believed, so Allah has rendered their deeds void.

وَمَا تَلَبَّثُوا فِيهَا إِلَّا يَسِيرًا ۝ وَلَقَدْ كَانُوا عَاهِدُوا

اللَّهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ لَا يُوَلُّونَ الْأَدْبَارَ ۖ وَكَانَ عَهْدُ اللَّهِ

مَسْئُولًا ۝ قُلْ لَنْ يَنْفَعَكُمْ الْفِرَارُ إِنْ فَرَرْتُمْ مِنَ

الْمَوْتِ أَوِ الْقَتْلِ وَإِذَا لَا تُمْتَعُونَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۝

قُلْ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَعْصِمُكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ إِنْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ

سُوءًا أَوْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ رَحْمَةً ۖ وَلَا يَجِدُونَ لَهُمْ مِنْ

دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلِيًّا وَلَا نَصِيرًا ۝ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الْمَعْوِقِينَ

مِنْكُمْ وَالْقَائِلِينَ لِإِخْوَانِهِمْ هَلُمَّ إِلَيْنَا ۚ

وَلَا يَأْتُونَ الْبَاسَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۝ أَشِحَّةً عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ

فَإِذَا جَاءَ الْخَوْفُ رَأَيْتَهُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَيْكَ تَدُورُ

أَعْيُنُهُمْ كَالَّذِي يُغْشَى عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْمَوْتِ ۚ فَإِذَا

ذَهَبَ الْخَوْفُ سَلَقُوكُمْ بِاللِّسَانِ حِدَادٍ أَشِحَّةً عَلَى

الْخَيْرِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ لَمْ يُؤْمِنُوا ۚ فَأَحْبَطَ اللَّهُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ ۖ

And that is easy for Allah.

### Hypocrites Paranoid

20. They 'still' think that the enemy alliance has not 'yet' withdrawn. And if the allies were to come 'again', the hypocrites would wish to be away in the desert among nomadic Arabs, 'only' asking for news about you 'believers'. And if the hypocrites were in your midst, they would hardly take part in the fight.

### The Prophet as a Role Model

21. Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah often.

### Stance of the Believers

22. When the believers saw the enemy alliance, they said, "This is what Allah and His Messenger had promised us. The promise of Allah and His Messenger has come true." And this only increased them in faith and submission. 23. Among the believers are men who have proven true to what they pledged to Allah.<sup>846</sup> Some of them have fulfilled their pledge 'with their lives', others are waiting 'their turn'. They have never changed 'their commitment' in the least. 24. 'It all happened' so Allah may reward the faithful for their faithfulness, and punish the hypocrites if He wills or turn to them 'in mercy'. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

وَكَانَ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرًا ﴿١٩﴾ يَحْسِبُونَ الْأَحْزَابَ لَمْ  
يَذْهَبُوا ۖ وَإِنْ يَأْتِ الْأَحْزَابُ يَوَدُّوْنَ لَوْ أَنَّهْمُ  
بَادُونَ فِي الْأَعْرَابِ يَسْأَلُونَ عَنْ أَنْبَائِكُمْ ۖ وَلَوْ  
كَانُوا فِيكُمْ مَا قَتَلُوا إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٢٠﴾ لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ  
فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ  
وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٢١﴾ وَلَهَا رَأَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ  
الْأَحْزَابُ ۖ قَالُوا هَذَا مَا وَعَدَنَا اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ  
وَصَدَقَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ۚ وَمَا زَادَهُمْ إِلَّا إِيمَانًا  
وَتَسْلِيمًا ﴿٢٢﴾ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا  
عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ ۖ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ قَضَىٰ نَحْبَهُ وَمِنْهُمْ  
مَّنْ يَنْتَظِرُ ۚ وَمَا بَدَّلُوا تَبْدِيلًا ﴿٢٣﴾ لِّيَجْزِيَ اللَّهُ  
الصَّادِقِينَ بِصِدْقِهِمْ وَيُعَذِّبَ الْمُنَافِقِينَ إِنْ شَاءَ  
أَوْ يَتُوبَ عَلَيْهِمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ﴿٢٤﴾

وَرَأَى اللَّهُ

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وَرَدَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِغَيْظِهِمْ لَمْ يَنَالُوا خَيْرًا وَكَفَى

اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الْقِتَالَ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ قَوِيًّا عَزِيمًا ﴿٢٥﴾

وَأَنْزَلَ الَّذِينَ ظَاهَرُوهُمْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ مِنْ

صِيَاصِيهِمْ وَقَذَفَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الرُّعْبَ فَرِيقًا تَقْتُلُونَ

وَتَأْسِرُونَ فَرِيقًا ﴿٢٦﴾ وَأَوْرَثَكُمْ أَرْضَهُمْ وَدِيَارَهُمْ

وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ وَأَرْضًا لَمْ تَطُوهَا ۗ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ

شَيْءٍ قَدِيرًا ﴿٢٧﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِمَنْ وَاجَبَكَ إِنْ

كُنْتُمْ تُرِيدُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا وَزِينَتَهَا فَتَعَالَيْنَ

أُمْتَعِكُنَّ وَأُسْرِحْكُنَّ سَرَاحًا جَمِيلًا ﴿٢٨﴾ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ

تُرِيدُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَالذَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ

أَعَدَّ لِلْمُحْسِنَاتِ مِنْكُنَّ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٢٩﴾ يٰنِسَاءَ النَّبِيِّ

مَنْ يَأْتِ مِنْكُنَّ بِفَاحِشَةٍ مُّبِينَةٍ يُضَعَفْ لَهَا

الْعَذَابُ ضِعْفَيْنِ ۖ وَكَانَ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرًا ﴿٣٠﴾

وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ

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### Defeat of the Enemy Alliance

25. And Allah drove back the disbelievers in their rage, totally empty-handed. And Allah spared the believers from fighting. For Allah is All-Powerful, Almighty. 26. And He brought down those from the People of the Book<sup>847</sup> who supported the enemy alliance from their own strongholds, and cast horror into their hearts. You 'believers' killed some, and took others captive. 27. He has also caused you to take over their lands, homes, and wealth, as well as lands you have not yet set foot on. And Allah is Most Capable of everything.

### Advice to the Prophet's Wives: Your Choice

28. O Prophet! Say to your wives, "If you desire the life of this world and its luxury, then come, I will give you a 'suitable' compensation 'for divorce' and let you go graciously. 29. But if you desire Allah and His Messenger and the 'everlasting' Home of the Hereafter, then Surely Allah has prepared a great reward for those of you who do good."

### More Advice: Your Reward

30. O wives of the Prophet! If any of you were to commit a blatant misconduct, the punishment would be doubled for her. And that is easy for Allah.

<sup>847</sup> The Jews of Banu Quraizah who had violated their treaty with the Muslims and sided with the enemy alliance. The Prophet (ﷺ) asked how they wished to be judged, and they chose to be judged by their book, the Torah—in which the penalty for treason is death.

31. And whoever of you devoutly obeys Allah and His Messenger and does good, We will grant her double the reward, and We have prepared for her an honourable provision.

*More Advice: Your Modesty*

32. O wives of the Prophet! You are not like any other women: if you are mindful 'of Allah', then do not be overly effeminate in speech 'with men' or those with sickness in their hearts may be tempted, but speak in a moderate tone. 33. Settle in your homes, and do not display yourselves as women did in the days of 'pre-Islamic' ignorance. Establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah only intends to keep 'the causes of' evil away from you and purify you completely, O members of the 'Prophet's' family! 34. 'Always' remember what is recited in your homes of Allah's revelations and 'prophetic' wisdom.<sup>848</sup> Surely Allah is Most Subtle, All-Aware.

*Reward of the Righteous*

35. Surely 'for' Muslim men and women, believing men and women,<sup>849</sup> devout men and women, truthful men and women, patient men and women, humble men and women,

الْحَرَابِ ٢٢ وَمَنْ يَّقِنْتُ ٢٢

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وَمَنْ يَّقِنْتُ مِنْكَ لِلَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَتَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا  
تُؤْتِيهَا أَجْرَهَا مَرَّتَيْنِ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لَهَا رِزْقًا كَرِيمًا ٢٢  
يُنِسَاءَ النَّبِيِّ لَسْتُنَّ كَأَحَدٍ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ إِنَّ اتَّقِيْتُنَّ  
فَلَا تَخْضَعْنَ بِالْقَوْلِ فَيَطْمَعَ الَّذِي فِي قَلْبِهِ مَرَضٌ  
وَقُلْنَ قَوْلًا مَعْرُوفًا ٢٣ وَقرْنِ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ وَلَا  
تَبَرَّجْنَ تَبَرُّجَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ الْأُولَى وَأَقِمْنَ الصَّلَاةَ  
وَآتِينَ الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِعْنَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ  
اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ  
تَطْهِيرًا ٢٤ وَاذْكُرْنَ مَا يُتْلَى فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ مِنْ  
آيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ لَطِيفًا خَبِيرًا ٢٥  
إِنَّ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
وَالْقَنَاتِ وَالْقَنَاتِ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالصَّادِقَاتِ وَ  
الصَّابِرِينَ وَالصَّابِرَاتِ وَالْخَاشِعِينَ وَالْخَاشِعَاتِ  
وَالْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ

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848 Allah's revelations refers to verses of the Quran whereas prophetic wisdom refers to the sayings and teachings of the Prophet (ﷺ), known collectively as *hadith*.

849 Though Islam and *Imān* are sometimes used interchangeably in the Quran, *Imān* is a higher state of Islam. A Muslim is someone who observes the five pillars of Islam, but a believer is someone with strong faith, who does everything purely for the sake of Allah, and is mindful of Allah in everything they say or do. Every *Mu'min* (believer/faithful) is a Muslim, but not every Muslim is a *Mu'min*. See 49:14.

وَالْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقَاتِ وَالصَّامِرِينَ وَالصَّامِتَاتِ  
 وَالْحَفَظِينَ فُرُوجَهُمْ وَالْحَفَظَاتِ وَالذَّاكِرِينَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا  
 وَالذَّاكِرَاتِ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٣٥﴾  
 وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا مُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ  
 أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ  
 اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلًّا مُبِينًا ﴿٣٦﴾ وَإِذْ  
 تَقُولُ لِلَّذِي أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَأَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِ أَمْسِكْ  
 عَلَيْكَ زَوْجَكَ وَاتَّقِ اللَّهَ وَتُخْفِي فِي نَفْسِكَ مَا اللَّهُ  
 مُبْدِيهِ وَتُخْشَى النَّاسَ وَاللَّهُ أَحَقُّ أَنْ تَخْشَاهُ ۖ  
 فَلَمَّا قَضَى زَيْدٌ مِنْهَا وَطَرًا زَوَّجْنَاهَا لَكَ لَا يَكُونَ  
 عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ حَرَجٌ فِي أَزْوَاجِ أَدْعِيَائِهِمْ إِذَا قَضَوْا  
 مِنْهُنَّ وَطَرًا ۖ وَكَانَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ مَفْعُولًا ﴿٣٧﴾ مَا كَانَ عَلَى  
 النَّبِيِّ مِنْ حَرَجٍ فِيمَا فَرَضَ اللَّهُ لَهُ ۖ سُنَّةَ اللَّهِ

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charitable men and women, fasting men and women, men and women who guard their chastity, and men and women who remember Allah often—for 'all of' them Allah has prepared forgiveness and a great reward.

#### Unconditional Obedience

36. It is not for a believing man or woman—when Allah and His Messenger decree a matter—to have any other choice in that matter.<sup>850</sup> Indeed, whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger has clearly gone 'far' astray.

#### The Case of Zaid

37. And 'remember, O Prophet,' when you said to the one<sup>851</sup> for whom Allah has done a favour and you 'too' have done a favour,<sup>852</sup> "Keep your wife and fear Allah," while concealing within yourself what Allah was going to reveal. And 'so' you were considering the people, whereas Allah was more worthy of your consideration. So when Zaid totally lost interest in 'keeping' his wife, We gave her to you in marriage, so that there would be no blame on the believers for marrying the ex-wives of their adopted sons after their divorce. And Allah's command is totally binding.

38. There is no blame on the Prophet for doing what Allah has ordained for him.

850 Meaning, if Allah makes a ruling in the Quran or the Prophet (ﷺ) makes a ruling, then a Muslim is not allowed to seek judgment from anyone else, nor follow their own desires.

851 This refers to Zaid ibn Hārithah, the Prophet's adopted son before adoption was made unlawful. His wife, Zainab bint Jahsh was from a prestigious family. Because Zaid and Zainab came from two different social classes, the marriage was not successful. Eventually, Zaid insisted on divorcing his wife, despite several appeals from the Prophet (ﷺ). Since one's adopted son was no longer considered to be one's own son, the Prophet (ﷺ) was later allowed to marry Zainab.

852 Allah's favour to Zaid was to guide him to Islam, and the Prophet's favour was to free him from slavery.

That has been the way of Allah with those 'prophets' who had gone before. And Allah's command has been firmly decreed. 39. 'That is His way with' those 'prophets' who deliver the messages of Allah, and consider Him and none but Allah. And sufficient is Allah as a 'vigilant' Reckoner. 40. Muhammad is not the father of any of your men,<sup>853</sup> but is the Messenger of Allah and the seal of the prophets. And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things.

#### Reward of the Believers

41. O believers! Always remember Allah often, 42. and glorify Him morning and evening. 43. He is the One Who showers His blessings upon you—and His angels pray for you—so that He may bring you out of darkness and into light. For He is ever Merciful to the believers. 44. Their greeting on the Day they meet Him will be, "Peace!" And He has prepared for them an honourable reward.

#### Excellence of the Prophet

45. O Prophet! We have sent you as a witness, and a deliverer of good news, and a warner, 46. and a caller to 'the Way of' Allah by His command, and a beacon of light. 47. Give good news to the believers that they will have a great bounty from Allah. 48. Do not

فِي الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ وَكَانَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ قَدَرًا  
مَقْدُورًا ۝٣٩ ۚ الَّذِينَ يُبَلِّغُونَ رِسَالَاتِ اللَّهِ وَ  
يَحْشَوْنَهُ وَلَا يَحْشَوْنَ أَحَدًا إِلَّا اللَّهَ ۖ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ  
حَسِيبًا ۝٤٠ مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن  
رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
عَلِيمًا ۝٤١ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا  
كَثِيرًا ۝٤٢ وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا ۝٤٣ هُوَ الَّذِي  
يُصَلِّيٰ عَلَيْكُمْ وَمَلَائِكَتُهُ لِيُخْرِجَكُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ  
إِلَى النُّورِ ۖ وَكَانَ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَحِيمًا ۝٤٤ تَحِيَّتُهُمْ يَوْمَ  
يَلْقَوْنَهُ سَلَامٌ ۖ وَآمَدَ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَرِيمًا ۝٤٥ يَا أَيُّهَا  
النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَ مُبَشِّرًا وَ نَذِيرًا ۝٤٦  
وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِأَذْنِهِ وَ سِرَاجًا مُّنِيرًا ۝٤٧ وَبَشِّرِ  
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ فَضْلًا كَبِيرًا ۝٤٨ وَلَا

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853 He (ﷺ) is not the father of Zaid (mentioned in 33:37) or any other man. The Prophet (ﷺ) had three biological sons, who all died in childhood.

تُطِيعَ الْكَافِرِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَدَعُ أَذْهَبَهُمْ وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى  
 اللَّهِ ۖ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿٥٩﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا  
 نَكَحْتُمُ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ثُمَّ طَلَقْتُمُوهُنَّ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ  
 تَمْسُوهُنَّ فَمَا لَكُمْ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ عِدَّةٍ تَعْتَدُونَهَا ۚ  
 فَمَتَّعُوهُنَّ وَسَرَّحُوهُنَّ سَرَاحًا جَمِيلًا ﴿٦٠﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا  
 أَحْلَلْنَا لَكَ أَزْوَاجَكَ الَّتِي أَتَيْتَ أَجُورَهُنَّ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ  
 يَمِينُكَ مِمَّا أَفَاءَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ وَبَنَاتِ عَمَّتِكَ  
 وَبَنَاتِ خَالَكَ وَبَنَاتِ خَلَّتِكَ الَّتِي هَاجَرْنَ مَعَكَ ۚ وَ  
 امْرَأَةً مُؤْمِنَةً إِنْ وَهَبَتْ نَفْسَهَا لِلنَّبِيِّ إِنْ أَرَادَ النَّبِيُّ  
 أَنْ يَسْتَنْكِحَهَا ۚ خَالِصَةً لَكَ مِنْ دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۚ  
 قَدْ عَلِمْنَا مَا فَرَضْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ فِي أَزْوَاجِهِمْ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ  
 أَيْمَانُهُمْ لِكَيْلَا يَكُونَ عَلَيْكَ حَرَجٌ ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا  
 رَحِيمًا ﴿٦١﴾ تَرْجِي مَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْهُنَّ وَتُؤْوِي إِلَيْكَ مَنْ

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yield to the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Overlook their annoyances, and put your trust in Allah. For Allah is sufficient as a Trustee of Affairs.

#### *Divorce Before Consummation*

49. O believers! If you marry believing women and then divorce them before you touch them,<sup>854</sup> they will have no waiting period for you to count,<sup>855</sup> so give them a 'suitable' compensation, and let them go graciously.

#### *Women Lawful to the Prophet*

50. O Prophet! We have made lawful for you your wives to whom you have paid their 'full' dowries as well as those 'bondwomen' in your possession, whom Allah has granted you.<sup>856</sup> And 'you are allowed to marry' the daughters of your paternal uncles and aunts, and the daughters of your maternal uncles and aunts, who have emigrated like you. Also 'allowed for marriage is' a believing woman who offers herself to the Prophet 'without dowry' if he is interested in marrying her—'this is' exclusively for you, not for the rest of the believers.<sup>857</sup> We know well what 'rulings' We have ordained for the believers in relation to their wives and those 'bondwomen' in their possession. As such, there would be no blame on you. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### *Prophet's Visitation to His Wives*

51. It is up to you 'O Prophet' to de-

lay or receive whoever you please of your wives.

854 Before the marriage is consummated.

855 If divorce is pronounced after the consummation of marriage, a waiting period of three months is observed to give the couple a chance to get back together and to see if the wife is pregnant (see 65:4). But if the divorce happens before the marriage is consummated, then there is no waiting period.

856 See footnote for 4:3.

857 This ruling was exclusively for the Prophet (which he never took advantage of), but Muslims have to pay a dowry to their wives. Some women did offer themselves to the Prophet (ﷺ) in marriage, but he declined.

There is no blame on you if you call back any of those you have set aside.<sup>858</sup> That is more likely that they will be content, not grieved, and satisfied with what you offer them all. Allah 'fully' knows what is in your hearts. And Allah is All-Knowing, Most Forbearing.

#### No Future Marriages

52. It is not lawful for you 'O Prophet' to marry more women after this, nor can you replace any of your present wives with another, even if her beauty may attract you—except those 'bond-women' in your possession. And Allah is ever Watchful over all things.

#### On Visiting the Prophet

53. O believers! Do not enter the homes of the Prophet without permission 'and if invited' for a meal, do not 'come too early and' linger until the meal is ready. But if you are invited, then enter 'on time'. Once you have eaten, then go on your way, and do not stay for casual talk. Such behaviour is truly annoying to the Prophet, yet he is too shy to ask you to leave. But Allah is never shy of the truth.

#### Interacting with the Prophet's Wives

And when you 'believers' ask his wives for something, ask them from behind a barrier. This is purer for your hearts and theirs.

تَشَاءُ ۖ وَمِنْ أَتَبَغَيْتَ مِمَّنْ عَزَلْتَ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكَ ۖ  
ذَلِكَ أَدْنَىٰ أَنْ تَقَرَّ أَعْيُنُهُنَّ وَلَا يَحْزَنَ وَيَرْضَيْنَ  
بِمَا آتَيْتَهُنَّ كُلَّهُنَّ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ ۖ  
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَلِيمًا ﴿٥١﴾ لَا يَحِلُّ لَكَ النِّسَاءُ مِنْ بَعْدُ  
وَلَا أَنْ تَبَدَّلَ بِهِنَّ مِنْ أَزْوَاجٍ وَلَوْ أَجْمَبَكَ حُسْنُهُنَّ  
إِلَّا مَا مَلَكَتْ يَمِينُكَ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
رَّقِيبًا ﴿٥٢﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَدْخُلُوا بُيُوتَ  
النَّبِيِّ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْذَنَ لَكُمْ إِلَىٰ طَعَامٍ غَيْرَ نَظِرِينَ  
إِنَّهُ لَا وَلَكِنْ إِذَا دُعِيتُمْ فَادْخُلُوا فَإِذَا طَعِمْتُمْ  
فَانْتَشِرُوا وَلَا مُسْتَأْنِسِينَ لِحَدِيثٍ ۚ إِنَّ ذَلِكُمْ كَانَ  
يُؤْذَى النَّبِيَّ فَيَسْتَحْيِي مِنْكُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَسْتَحْيِي مِنَ  
الْحَقِّ ۗ وَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُنَّ مَتَاعًا فَسْأَلُوهُنَّ مِنْ وَرَاءِ  
حِجَابٍ ۚ ذَلِكُمْ أَطْهَرُ لِقُلُوبِكُمْ وَقُلُوبِهِنَّ ۚ وَمَا كَانَ

لَكُمْ أَنْ تَوْدَعُوا

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858 The Prophet's married life can be classified as follows:

- Until the age of 25: he was single.
- Age 25–50: he was married only to Khadijah.
- Age 50–52: he was single after Khadijah's death.
- Age 53–his death at the age of 63: he had a total of ten wives. Many of these marriages were to widows (who had been left with their children without a provider) and in some cases to foster stronger ties with some of his companions and neighbouring tribes. Of all the women he married, 'Aishah was the only virgin.

لَكُمْ أَنْ تُوْذُوا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَلَا أَنْ تَنْكِحُوا أَزْوَاجَهُ  
 مِنْ بَعْدِهِ أَبْدًا إِنَّ ذَلِكُمْ كَانَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَظِيمًا ﴿٥٤﴾  
 إِنْ تُبْدُوا شَيْئًا أَوْ تُخْفُوهُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
 عَلِيمًا ﴿٥٥﴾ لَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِنَ فِي آبَائِهِنَّ وَلَا أَبْنَائِهِنَّ  
 وَلَا إِخْوَانِهِنَّ وَلَا أَبْنَاءَ إِخْوَانِهِنَّ وَلَا أَبْنَاءَ  
 أَخَوَاتِهِنَّ وَلَا نِسَائِهِنَّ وَلَا مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُنَّ ۚ  
 وَاتَّقِينَ اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدًا ﴿٥٦﴾  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ  
 آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٧﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ  
 يُؤْذُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا  
 وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا مُهِينًا ﴿٥٨﴾ وَالَّذِينَ  
 يُؤْذُونَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بَغَيْرِ مَا اكْتَسَبُوا فَقَدْ  
 احْتَمَلُوا بُهْتَانًا وَإِثْمًا مُبِينًا ﴿٥٩﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ

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And it is not right for you to annoy the Messenger of Allah, nor ever marry his wives after him. This would certainly be a major offence in the sight of Allah. 54. Whether you reveal something or conceal it, surely Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things. 55. There is no blame on the Prophet's wives 'if they appear unveiled' before their fathers,<sup>859</sup> their sons, their brothers, their brothers' sons, their sisters' sons, their fellow 'Muslim' women, and those 'bondspeople' in their possession. And be mindful of Allah 'O wives of the Prophet!' Surely Allah is a Witness over all things.

#### *Blessings on the Prophet*

56. Indeed, Allah showers His blessings upon the Prophet, and His angels pray for him. O believers! Invoke Allah's blessings upon him, and salute him with worthy greetings of peace.

#### *Offending Allah, His Messenger, and the Believers*

57. Surely those who offend Allah<sup>860</sup> and His Messenger<sup>861</sup> are condemned by Allah in this world and the Hereafter. And He has prepared for them a humiliating punishment. 58. As for those who abuse believing men and women<sup>862</sup> unjustifiably, they will definitely bear the guilt of slander and blatant sin.

859 Paternal and maternal uncles are similar to the fathers.

860 By attributing children to Him or associating gods with Him in worship.

861 By calling him a liar or speaking ill of him and his family.

862 By harming them physically or accusing them falsely.

## The Veil

59. O Prophet! Ask your wives, daughters, and believing women to draw their cloaks over their bodies. In this way it is more likely that they will be recognized 'as virtuous' and not be harassed. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.<sup>863</sup>

## Reward of the Wicked

60. If the hypocrites, and those with sickness in their hearts, and rumour-mongers in Medina do not desist, We will certainly incite you 'O Prophet' against them, and then they will not be your neighbours there any longer. 61. 'They deserve to be' condemned. 'If they were to persist,' they would get themselves seized and killed relentlessly wherever they are found!<sup>864</sup> 62. That was Allah's way with those 'hypocrites' who have gone before. And you will find no change in Allah's way.

## When Is the Hour?

63. People ask you 'O Prophet' about the Hour. Say, "That knowledge is only with Allah. You never know, perhaps the Hour is near."

## The Doomed

64. Surely Allah condemns the disbelievers, and has prepared for them a blazing Fire, 65. to stay there for ever and ever—never will they find any protector or helper. 66. On the Day their faces are 'constantly' flipped in the Fire, they will cry, "Oh! If only we had obeyed Allah and obeyed the Messenger!" 67. And they will say,

لَا تَرْوِاجَكَ وَبَنَاتِكَ وَنِسَاءَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدْنِينَ عَلَيْهِنَّ  
مِنْ جَلَائِبِهِنَّ ذَلِكَ أَدْنَى أَنْ يُعْرَفْنَ فَلَا يُؤْذِينَ ٥٩  
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ٦٠ لَئِنْ لَّمْ يَنْتَهِ الْمُفْقُونَ  
وَالَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ وَالْمُرْجِفُونَ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ  
لَنُغْرِيَنَّكَ بِهِمْ ثُمَّ لَا يُجَاوِرُونَكَ فِيهَا إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ٦١  
مَلْعُونِينَ ۖ إِنَّمَا تُقْفُوا أَخَذُوا وَقْتًا لَتَقْتِيلًا ٦٢  
سُئِلَ اللَّهُ فِي الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ وَلَنْ يَجْدَ لِسَتَهُ  
اللَّهُ تَبْدِيلًا ٦٣ يَسْأَلُكَ النَّاسُ عَنِ السَّاعَةِ ۖ قُلْ إِنَّمَا  
عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۖ وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّ السَّاعَةَ تَكُونُ  
قَرِيبًا ٦٤ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَنَ الْكَافِرِينَ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ سَعِيرًا ٦٥  
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۖ لَا يَجْدُونَ وَلِيًّا وَلَا نَصِيرًا ٦٦  
يَوْمَ تُقَلَّبُ وُجُوهُهُمْ فِي النَّارِ يَقُولُونَ يَلَيْتَنَّا أَطَعْنَا  
اللَّهَ وَاطَعْنَا الرَّسُولَ ٦٧ وَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّا أَطَعْنَا سَادَتَنَا

وَكِبَرَاءَتَنَا

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863 He has forgiven what Muslim women did in the past because they were not obligated to cover up.

864 This verse is intended to deter the hypocrites. The Prophet (ﷺ) never killed any hypocrite as long as they did not join the enemy to attack and kill Muslims.



وَكِبْرَاءَنَا فَأَضَلُّونَا السَّبِيلَ ﴿٦٤﴾ رَبَّنَا آتِهِمْ ضِعْفَيْنِ

مِنَ الْعَذَابِ وَالْعَنَهُمْ لَعْنًا كَبِيرًا ﴿٦٥﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ

آمَنُوا لَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ آذَوْا مُوسَى فَبَرَّأَهُ اللَّهُ

مِمَّا قَالُوا وَكَانَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَجِيهًا ﴿٦٦﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٦٧﴾

يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٦٨﴾

إِنَّا عَرَضْنَا الْأَمَانَةَ عَلَى السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

وَالْجِبَالِ فَأَبَيْنَ أَنْ يَحْمِلْنَهَا وَأَشْفَقْنَ مِنْهَا

وَحَمَلَهَا الْإِنْسَانُ ۖ إِنَّهُ كَانَ ظَلُومًا جَهُولًا ﴿٦٩﴾

لِيُعَذِّبَ اللَّهُ الْمُنَافِقِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقَاتِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ

وَالْمُشْرِكَاتِ وَيَتُوبَ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۗ

وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٧٠﴾

“Our Lord! We obeyed our leaders and elite, but they led us astray from the ‘Right’ Way. 68. Our Lord! Give them double ‘our’ punishment, and condemn them tremendously.”

#### Advice to the Believers

69. O believers! Do not be like those who slandered Moses, but Allah cleared him of what they said. And he was honourable in the sight of Allah.<sup>865</sup> 70. O believers! Be mindful of Allah, and say what is right. 71. He will bless your deeds for you, and forgive your sins. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger, has truly achieved a great triumph.

#### The Trust<sup>866</sup>

72. Indeed, We offered the trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, but they ‘all’ declined to bear it, being fearful of it. But humanity assumed it, ‘for’ they are truly wrongful ‘to themselves’ and ignorant ‘of the consequences’, 73. so that Allah will punish hypocrite men and women and polytheistic men and women, and Allah will turn in mercy to believing men and women. For Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.<sup>867</sup>



<sup>865</sup> The Quran does not specify how Moses was slandered by some of his people. Some narrations suggest that he was either falsely accused of adultery (see footnote for 28:76), killing his brother Aaron (who died a natural death), or having a skin disease since he, unlike others, used to bathe with his clothes on.

<sup>866</sup> This refers to free choice in shouldering religious commandments. The great majority of Allah’s creation (like angels and animals) do not have free will. Therefore, they are inherently submissive to Allah. As for humans, they rely on their intelligence, and are free to choose between guidance and misguidance, and either to adhere to divine obligations and prohibitions or not.

<sup>867</sup> This is a guarantee from Allah that if the hypocrites and polytheists ever turn to Him in repentance, He is always willing to forgive them.

## 34. Sheba (Saba')

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Praises to the Almighty*

1. All praise is for Allah, to Whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And praise be to Him in the Hereafter. He is the All-Wise, All-Aware. 2. He knows whatever goes into the earth and whatever comes out of it, and whatever descends from the sky and whatever ascends into it. And He is the Most Merciful, All-Forgiving.

*Denying the Hour*

3. The disbelievers say, "The Hour will never come to us." Say, 'O Prophet,' "Yes—by my Lord, the Knower of the unseen—it will certainly come to you! Not 'even' an atom's weight is hidden from Him in the heavens or the earth; nor anything smaller or larger than that, but is 'written' in a perfect Record.<sup>868</sup> 4. So He may reward those who believe and do good. It is they who will have forgiveness and an honourable provision. 5. As for those who strive to discredit Our revelations, it is they who will suffer the 'worst' torment of agonizing pain. 6. Those gifted with knowledge 'clearly' see that what has been revealed to you from your Lord 'O Prophet' is the truth,

سُورَةُ سَبَا ٣٣ (٥٨) ﴿٢٢﴾ (أَيَّهَا ٥٣) ﴿٢٢﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَهُ  
الْحَمْدُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَهُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ ۝<sup>١</sup> يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلْجُ  
فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ  
وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا ۖ وَهُوَ الرَّحِيمُ الْغَفُورُ ۝<sup>٢</sup> وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا لَا تَأْتِينَا السَّاعَةُ ۖ قُلْ بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّي لَتَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ ۚ  
عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ ۖ لَا يُعْزِبُ عَنْهُ مِثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ فِي السَّمُوتِ  
وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا أَصْغَرُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْبَرُ إِلَّا فِي  
كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ ۝<sup>٣</sup> لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ۝<sup>٤</sup> وَالَّذِينَ سَعَوْا  
فِي آيَاتِنَا مُعْجِزِينَ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مِّن رَّجْزِ الْيَوْمِ ۝<sup>٥</sup>  
وَيَذَرَى الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ

مَنْزِلَ ٥

مِنْ رَبِّكَ

مَنْ رَبِّكَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ ۖ وَيَهْدِي إِلَى صِرَاطِ الْعَزِيزِ

الْحَمِيدِ ۝ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هَلْ نَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى رَجُلٍ

يُنَبِّئُكُمْ إِذَا مُرِّقْتُمْ كُلَّ مُمَرِّقٍ ۖ إِنَّكُمْ لَفِي

خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ ۝ أَفْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَمْ بِهِ جِنَّةٌ ە

بَلِ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ فِي الْعَذَابِ وَالضَّلَالِ

الْبَعِيدِ ۝ أَفَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ

مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ إِنَّ نَاشِئًا نَّخَسِفَ بِهِمُ الْأَرْضَ

أَوْ نُسْقِطُ عَلَيْهِمْ كِسَفًا مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ ۖ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ

لَآيَةً لِّكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُّنِيبٍ ۝ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ

مِنَّا فَضْلًا ۖ يَجِبَالُ أَوَّيْ مَعَهُ وَالطَّيْرَ ۖ وَأَلْنَا لَهُ

الْحَدِيدَ ۖ إِنَّ أَعْمَلَ سِغَاتٍ وَ قَدَّرَ فِي السَّيِّدِ وَاعْمَلُوا

صَالِحًا ۖ إِنِّي بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ۝ وَلِسَلِيمَانَ الرِّيحَ

عُدُّوْهَا شَهْرٌ وَ رَوَاحُهَا شَهْرٌ ۖ وَأَسَلْنَا لَهُ عَيْنَ

and that it guides to the Path of the Almighty, the Praiseworthy.

#### Warning to the Deniers

7. The disbelievers say 'mockingly to one another', "Shall we show you a man who claims that when you have been utterly disintegrated you will be raised as a new creation? 8. Has he fabricated a lie against Allah or is he insane?" In fact, those who do not believe in the Hereafter are bound for torment and have strayed farthest 'from the truth'. 9. Have they not then seen all that surrounds them of the heavens and the earth? If We willed, We could cause the earth to swallow them up, or cause 'deadly' pieces of the sky to fall upon them. Surely in this is a sign for every servant who turns 'to Allah'.

#### Allah's Favours to David

10. Indeed, We granted David a 'great' privilege from Us, 'commanding: "O mountains! Echo his hymns! And the birds as well." We made iron mouldable for him, 11. instructing: "Make full-length armour, 'perfectly' balancing the links. And work righteousness 'O family of David!'. Indeed, I am All-Seeing of what you do."

#### Allah's Favours to Solomon

12. And to Solomon 'We subjected' the wind: its morning stride was a month's journey and so was its evening stride.

And We caused a stream of molten copper to flow for him, and 'We subjected' some of the jinn to work under him by his Lord's Will. And whoever of them deviated from Our command, We made them taste the torment of the blaze. 13. They made for him whatever he desired of sanctuaries, statues,<sup>869</sup> basins as large as reservoirs, and cooking pots fixed 'into the ground'. 'We ordered:' 'Work gratefully, O family of David!' 'Only' a few of My servants are 'truly' grateful. 14. When We decreed Solomon's death, nothing indicated to the 'subjected' jinn that he was dead except the termites eating away his staff.<sup>870</sup> So when he collapsed, the jinn realized that if they had 'really' known the unseen, they would not have remained in 'such' humiliating servitude.

#### Allah's Favours to Sheba

##### 1) Provision

15. Indeed, there was a sign for 'the tribe of' Sheba in their homeland: two orchards—one to the right and the other to the left. 'They were told:' 'Eat from the provision of your Lord, and be grateful to Him. 'Yours is' a good land and a forgiving Lord.'" 16. But they turned away. So We sent against them a devastating flood, and replaced their orchards with two others producing bitter fruit, fruitless bushes,<sup>871</sup> and a few 'sparse' thorny trees.<sup>872</sup> 17. This is how We rewarded them for their ingratitude.

الْقَطْرِ ۚ وَمِنَ الْجِنَّ مَنْ يَعملُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِ ۚ  
وَمَنْ يَزِغْ مِنْهُمْ عَنْ أَمْرِنَا نُذِقْهُ مِنْ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿١٣﴾  
يَعْمَلُونَ لَهُ مَا يَشَاءُ مِنْ مَحَارِبَ وَتَمَاثِيلَ وَجِفَانٍ  
كَالْجُؤَابِ وَقُدُورٍ رُسِيتٍ ۚ اِعْمَلُوا آلَ دَاوُدَ شُكْرًا ۚ  
وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِيَ الشَّاكُورُ ﴿١٤﴾ فَلَمَّا قَضَيْنَا عَلَيْهِ  
الْمَوْتَ مَا دَلَّهُمْ عَلَى مَوْتِهِ إِلَّا دَابَّةُ الْأَرْضِ تَأْكُلُ  
مُتَسَاتَةً ۚ فَلَمَّا خَرَ تَبَيَّنَتِ الْجِنَّ أَن لَّوْكَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ  
الْغَيْبَ مَا لَبِثُوا فِي الْعَذَابِ الْمُهِينِ ﴿١٥﴾ لَقَدْ كَانَ  
لِسَبَا فِي مَسْكَنِهِمْ آيَةٌ ۚ جَنَّتٍ عَنْ يَمِينٍ وَشِمَالٍ ۚ  
كُلُوا مِن رِّزْقِ رَبِّكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ ۚ بَلَدَةٌ طَيِّبَةٌ وَ  
رَبُّ غَفُورٌ ﴿١٦﴾ فَأَعْرَضُوا فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ سَيْلَ الْعَرِمِ  
وَبَدَّلْنَاهُمْ بِجَنَّتَيْهِمْ جَنَّتَيْنِ ذَوَاتِ أُكُلٍ خَمْطٍ وَأَثَلٍ  
وَشَيْءٍ مِّن سِدْرٍ قَلِيلٍ ﴿١٧﴾ ذَلِكَ جَزَيْنَاهُمْ بِمَا كَفَرُوا ۚ

وَهَلْ يُجْزَىٰ

مَنْزِلَ

869 Which was permissible at the time of Solomon (ﷺ).

870 Which he died while leaning on.

871 lit., tamarisks.

872 lit., lote trees.

وَهَلْ نُجْزِي إِلَّا الْكَفُورَ ﴿١٥﴾ وَجَعَلْنَا بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ  
 الْقُرَى الَّتِي بَرَكْنَا فِيهَا قُرًى ظَاهِرَةً وَقَدَّرْنَا فِيهَا  
 السَّيْرَ سِيرُوا فِيهَا لِيَالِي وَيَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ﴿١٨﴾ فَقَالُوا  
 رَبَّنَا بُعِدْ بَيْنَ أَسْفَارِنَا وَظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ فَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ  
 أَحَادِيثَ وَمَزَّقْنَاهُمْ كُلَّ مُمَرِّقٍ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ  
 لِّكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ ﴿١٩﴾ وَلَقَدْ صَدَّقَ عَلَيْهِمْ إِبْلِيسُ  
 ظَنَّهُ فَاتَّبَعُوهُ إِلَّا فَرِيقًا مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَمَا كَانَ  
 لَهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِّن سُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا لَنَعْلَمَ مَن يُّؤْمِنُ بِالْآخِرَةِ  
 مِمَّنْ هُوَ مِنْهَا فِي شَكٍّ ۚ وَرَبُّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَفِيزٌ ﴿٢١﴾  
 قُلِ ادْعُوا الَّذِينَ زَعَمْتُمْ مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ  
 مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ فِي السَّمُوتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا لَهُمْ  
 فِيهَا مِنْ شَرْكٍَ ۚ وَمَا لَهُ مِنْهُمْ مِّن ظَهِيرٍ ﴿٢٢﴾ وَلَا تَنْفَعُ  
 الشَّفَاعَةُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا لِمَن أَذِنَ لَهُ ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فُزِّعَ عَن

قُلُوبِهِمْ

مَرْكَلَهُ

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Would We ever punish 'anyone in such a way' except the ungrateful?

#### Allah's Favours to Sheba 2) Safe Travel

18. We had also placed between them and the cities<sup>873</sup> We showered with blessings 'many small' towns within sight of one another. And We set moderate travel distances in between, 'saying,' "Travel between them by day and night safely." 19. But they said, "Our Lord! Make 'the distances of' our journeys longer," wronging themselves.<sup>874</sup> So We reduced them to 'cautionary' tales, and scattered them utterly. Surely in this are lessons for whoever is steadfast, grateful.

#### Satan's Vow Regarding Humans

20. Indeed, *Iblis*' assumption about them has come true,<sup>875</sup> so they 'all' follow him, except a group of 'true' believers. 21. He does not have any authority over them, but 'Our Will is' only to distinguish those who believe in the Hereafter from those who are in doubt about it. And your Lord is a 'vigilant' Keeper over all things."

#### Helpless Idols

22. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Call upon those you claim 'to be divine' besides Allah. They do not possess 'even' an atom's weight either in the heavens or the earth, nor do they have any share in 'governing' them. Nor is any of them a

helper to Him." 23. No intercession will be of any benefit with Him, except by those granted permission by Him.

873 i.e., Mecca and Jerusalem.

874 They became bored of living comfortably and traveling easily. A similar example can be found in 2:61, where the Children of Israel became bored with the manna and quails and wanted to eat other things such as onions and garlic.

875 *Iblis* was the name of Satan before his fall from grace (see footnote for 2:33). His assumption (or vow) was that he could easily mislead the majority of people (see 7:16-17. 15:39-40. and 38:82-83).

‘At last,’ when the dread ‘of Judgment Day’ is relieved from their hearts ‘because they are permitted to intercede’, they will ‘excitedly’ ask ‘the angels’, “What has your Lord ‘just’ said?” The angels will reply, “The truth! And He is the Most High, All-Great.”

#### Message to the Polytheists

24. Ask ‘them, O Prophet’, “Who provides for you from the heavens and the earth?” Say, “Allah! Now, certainly one of our two groups<sup>876</sup> is ‘rightly’ guided; the other is clearly astray.” 25. Say, “You will not be accountable for our misdeeds, nor will we be accountable for your deeds.” 26. Say, “Our Lord will gather us together, then He will judge between us with the truth. For He is the All-Knowing Judge.” 27. Say, “Show me those ‘idols’ you have joined with Him as partners. No! In fact, He ‘alone’ is Allah—the Almighty, All-Wise.”

#### Warning of the Hour

28. We have sent you ‘O Prophet’ only as a deliverer of good news and a warner to all of humanity, but most people do not know. 29. And they ask ‘the believers’, “When will this threat come to pass, if what you say is true?” 30. Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “A Day has ‘already’ been appointed for you, which you can neither delay nor advance by a ‘single’ moment.”

#### The Misleaders and the Misled

31. The disbelievers vow, “We will never believe in this Quran, nor in those ‘Scriptures’ before it.” If only you could see when the wrongdoers will be detained before their Lord, throwing blame at each other! The lowly ‘followers’ will say to the arrogant ‘leaders’,

وَمَنْ يَمُنْتَ ٢٢ ٥٩٩ سَبَا ٣٣

قُلُوبِهِمْ قَالُوا مَاذَا قَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ۖ قَالُوا الْحَقُّ ۖ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ  
 الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٢٢﴾ قُلْ مَنْ يَدْرِي فُكْرُمِنْ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ  
 قُلِ اللَّهُ ۖ وَإِنَّا أَوْ إِيَّاكُمْ لَعَلَىٰ هُدًى أَوْ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٢٣﴾  
 قُلْ لَا تَسْأَلُونَنَا عَمَّا أَجْرَمْنَا وَلَا نُسْأَلُ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾  
 قُلْ يَجْمَعُ بَيْنَنَا رَبُّنَا ثُمَّ يَفْتَحُ بَيْنَنَا بِالْحَقِّ ۖ وَهُوَ الْفَتَّاحُ  
 الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٢٥﴾ قُلْ أَرُونِي الَّذِينَ أَلْحَقْتُمْ بِهِ شُرَكَاءَ كَلَّا ۚ  
 بَلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً  
 لِلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا ۚ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾  
 وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَىٰ هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾  
 قُلْ لَّكُمْ مِيعَادُ يَوْمٍ لَا تَسْتَخِرُونَ عَنْهُ سَاعَةً وَلَا  
 تَسْتَقْدِمُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَنْ تُؤْمِنَ بِهِذَا  
 الْقُرْآنَ وَلَا بِالَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ ۖ وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذِ الظَّالِمُونَ  
 مَوْقُوفُونَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ يَرْجِعُ بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَىٰ بَعْضٍ  
 مِّنَ الْقَوْلِ ۖ يَقُولُ

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الْقَوْلَ يَقُولُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَضَعُّوْا لِلَّذِيْنَ اسْتَكْبَرُوْا  
 لَوْلَا اَنْتُمْ لَكُنَّا مُؤْمِنِيْنَ ﴿٣١﴾ قَالَ الَّذِيْنَ اسْتَكْبَرُوْا  
 لِلَّذِيْنَ اسْتَضَعُّوْا اَنْحُنْ صَدَدْنٰكُمْ عَنِ الْهُدٰى  
 بَعْدَ اِذْ جَآءَكُمْ بَلْ كُنْتُمْ مُّجْرِمِيْنَ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَقَالَ الَّذِيْنَ  
 اسْتَضَعُّوْا لِلَّذِيْنَ اسْتَكْبَرُوْا بَلْ مَكْرُ الْيَلِّ وَالنَّهَارِ  
 اِذْ تَاْمُرُوْنَآ اَنْ نَّكْفُرَ بِاللّٰهِ وَنَجْعَلَ لَهُ اَنْدَادًا وَّ  
 اَسْرُوْا النَّدَامَةَ لَمَّا رَاُوْا الْعَذَابَ وَجَعَلْنَا الْاَغْلَلَ  
 فِيْ اَعْنَاقِ الَّذِيْنَ كَفَرُوْا هَلْ يُجْزَوْنَ اِلَّا مَا كَانُوْا  
 يَعْمَلُوْنَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَمَا اَرْسَلْنَا فِيْ قَرْيَةٍ مِّنْ نَّذِيْرٍ اِلَّا قَالِ  
 مُتْرَفُوْهَا اِنَّا بَاۤءَاۤءُ اَرْسَلْتُمْ بِهِ كُفْرُوْنَ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَقَالُوْا نَحْنُ  
 اَكْثَرُ اَمْوَالًا وَّاَوْلَادًا وَّ مَا نَحْنُ بِمُعَذَّبِيْنَ ﴿٣٥﴾ قُلْ اِنْ رَّيْتُمْ  
 يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَّشَآءُ وَيَقْدِرُ وَلَكِنَّ اَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ  
 لَا يَعْلَمُوْنَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَمَا اَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا اَوْلَادُكُمْ بِالْبَاقِي

“Had it not been for you, we would certainly have been believers.”  
 32. The arrogant will respond to the lowly, “Did we ever hinder you from guidance after it came to you? In fact, you were wicked ‘on your own’.” 33. The lowly will say to the arrogant, “No! It was your plotting by day and night—when you ordered us to disbelieve in Allah and to set up equals with Him.” They will ‘all’ hide ‘their’ remorse when they see the torment. And We will put shackles around the necks of the disbelievers. Will they be rewarded except for what they used to do?

#### Spoiled Elite

34. Whenever We sent a warner to a society, its elite would say, “We truly reject what you have been sent with.” 35. Adding, “We are far superior ‘to the believers’ in wealth and children, and we will never be punished.” 36. Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “Surely ‘it is’ my Lord ‘Who’ gives abundant or limited provisions to whoever He wills. But most people do not know.” 37. It is not your wealth or children that bring you closer to Us.

But those who believe and do good—it is they who will have a multiplied reward for what they did, and they will be secure in 'elevated' mansions. 38. As for those who strive to discredit Our revelations, it is they who will be confined in punishment. 39. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Surely 'it is' my Lord 'Who' gives abundant or limited provisions to whoever He wills of His servants. And whatever you spend in charity, He will compensate 'you' for it. For He is the Best Provider."

#### *The Worshippers and the Worshipped*

40. And 'consider' the Day He will gather them all together, and then ask the angels, "Was it you that these 'polytheists' used to worship?" 41. They will say, "Glory be to You! Our loyalty is to You, not them. In fact, they 'only' followed the 'temptations of evil' jinn,<sup>877</sup> in whom most of them had faith." 42. So Today neither of you can benefit or protect each other. And We will say to the wrongdoers, "Taste the torment of the Fire, which you used to deny."

#### *Response of the Polytheists*

43. When Our clear revelations are recited to them, they say, "This is only a man who wishes to hinder you from what your forefathers used to worship."

تُقَرَّبُكُمْ عِنْدَنَا زُلْفَىٰ إِلَّا مَنْ آمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلُوْلَيْكَ

لَهُمْ جَزَاءُ الضَّعْفِ بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَهُمْ فِي الْغُرُفَاتِ آمِنُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

وَالَّذِينَ يَسْعَوْنَ فِي آيَاتِنَا مُعْجِزِينَ أُولَٰئِكَ فِي الْعَذَابِ

مُحْضَرُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ قُلْ إِنْ رَبِّي يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ

مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ ۖ وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ

يُخْلِفُهُ ۖ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾ وَيَوْمَ يُحْشَرُهُمْ جَمِيعًا

ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ أَهَؤُلَاءِ إِيَّاكُمْ كَانُوا يَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

قَالُوا سُبْحَنَكَ أَنْتَ وَلِيِّنَا مِنْ دُونِهِمْ ۖ بَلْ كَانُوا

يَعْبُدُونَ الْجِنَّ ۖ أَكْثَرُهُمْ بِهِمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ فَالْيَوْمَ لَا

يَمْلِكُ بَعْضُكُم لِبَعْضٍ نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا ۚ وَنَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ

ظَلَمُوا ذُوقُوا عَذَابَ النَّارِ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ بِهَا تُكَذِّبُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

وَإِذَا تَتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ قَالُوا مَا هَذَا إِلَّا رَجُلٌ

يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَصُدَّكُمْ عَنْ مَا كَانُوا يَعْبُدُ آبَاءَكُمْ وَقَالُوا

مَا هَذَا إِلَّا

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مَا هَذَا إِلَّا آفَكٌ مُفْتَرًى ۖ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلْحَقِّ  
لَبِاجَاءٍ هُمْ ۚ إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَمَا آتَيْنَهُمْ  
مِّنْ كُتُبٍ يَدْرُسُونَهَا وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهِمْ قَبْلَكَ مِنْ  
نَذِيرٍ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَكَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۚ وَمَا بَلَّغُوا مَعْشَارَ  
مَا آتَيْنَهُمْ فَكَذَّبُوا رُسُلِي ۖ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ ﴿٣٤﴾ قُلْ إِنَّمَا  
أَعْظُمُ بِوَاحِدَةٍ ۚ أَن تَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ مَشْئِئًا وَفَرَادًى ثُمَّ  
تَتَفَكَّرُونَ ۚ إِنَّمَا بِصَاحِبِكُمْ مِّنْ جَنَّةٍ ۚ إِنَّ هُوَ إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ لَّكُمْ  
بَيْنَ يَدَيْ عَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ ﴿٣٥﴾ قُلْ مَا سَأَلْتُكُمْ مِّنْ أَجْرٍ  
فَهُوَ لَكُمْ ۚ إِنِ اجْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۖ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
شَهِيدٌ ﴿٣٦﴾ قُلْ إِنَّ رَبِّي يَقْذِفُ بِالْحَقِّ ۖ عَلَامُ الْغُيُوبِ ﴿٣٧﴾  
قُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَمَا يُبْدِيُ الْبَاطِلُ ۖ وَمَا يُعِيدُ ﴿٣٨﴾ قُلْ إِن  
ضَلَلْتُ فَإِنَّمَا أَضِلُّ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِي ۚ وَإِنِ اهْتَدَيْتُ فِيمَا  
يُوحَىٰ إِلَىٰ رَبِّي ۖ إِنَّهُ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذْ فَرَغُوا

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They also say, "This 'Quran' is no more than a fabricated lie." And the disbelievers say of the truth when it has come to them, "This is nothing but pure magic." 44. 'They say so even though' We had never given them any scriptures to study, nor did We ever send them a warner before you 'O Prophet'. 45. Those 'destroyed' before them denied as well—and these 'Meccans' have not attained even one-tenth of what We had given their predecessors.<sup>878</sup> Yet 'when' they denied My messengers, how severe was My response!

#### Advice to Meccan Pagans

46. Say, 'O Prophet,' "I advise you to do 'only' one thing: stand up for 'the sake of' Allah—individually or in pairs—then reflect. Your fellow man<sup>879</sup> is not insane. He is only a warner to you before 'the coming of' a severe punishment." 47. Say, "If I had ever asked you for a reward, you could keep it. My reward is only from Allah. And He is a Witness over all things." 48. Say, "Surely my Lord hurls the truth 'against falsehood'. 'He is' the Knower of all unseen." 49. Say, "The truth has come, and falsehood will vanish, never to return." 50. Say, "If I am astray, the loss is only mine. And if I am guided, it is 'only' because of what my Lord

reveals to me. He is indeed All-Hearing, Ever Near."

#### Too Late for the Deniers

51. If only you could see when they will be horrified with no escape 'on Judgment Day'!

878 Like the people of Pharaoh, 'Ad, and Thamûd.

879 i.e., Muhammad (ﷺ).

And they will be seized from a nearby place.<sup>880</sup> 52. They will 'then' cry, "We do 'now' believe in it 'all'." But how could they 'possibly' attain faith from a place so far-off 'from the world',<sup>881</sup> 53. while they had already rejected it before, guessing blindly from a place 'equally' far-away 'from the Hereafter'? 54. They will be sealed off from whatever they desire, as was done to their counterparts before. Indeed, they were 'all' in alarming doubt.



### 35. The Originator (Fâtir)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Allah's Power 1) Creation and Mercy*

1. All praise is for Allah, the Originator of the heavens and the earth, Who made angels 'as His' messengers with wings—two, three, or four. He increases in creation whatever He wills. Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything. 2. Whatever mercy Allah opens up for people, none can withhold it. And whatever He withholds, none but Him can release it. For He is the Almighty, All-Wise.

*One God Only*

3. O humanity! Remember Allah's favours upon you.

فَلَا قُوَّةَ وَاحْذَرُوا مِنْ مَّكَانٍ قَرِيبٍ ۖ وَقَالُوا آمَنَّا بِهِ ؕ وَإِنَّا لَهُمُ التَّنَاوُشُ مِنْ مَّكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ ۖ وَقَدْ كَفَرُوا بِهِ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ وَيَقْذِفُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ مِنْ مَّكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ ۖ وَحِيلَ بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ مَا يَشْتَهُونَ كَمَا فُعِلَ بِأَشْيَاعِهِمْ مِّن قَبْلُ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا فِي شَكٍّ مَُّرِيبٍ ۖ

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ فَاطِرِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ جَاعِلِ الْمَلَكِةِ رُسُلًا أُولَىٰ أَجْنَحَةٍ مَّتَنَّى وَثَلَاثَ وَرُبْعَ ۖ يَزِيدُ فِي الْخَلْقِ مَا يَشَاءُ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۖ مَا يَفْتَحُ اللَّهُ لِلنَّاسِ مِنْ رَّحْمَةٍ فَلَا مُمْسِكَ لَهَا ۖ وَمَا يُمْسِكُ ۖ فَلَا يُرْسِلُ لَهُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ۖ يَكِيدُهَا النَّاسُ أَذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ هَلْ مِنْ

خَالِقٍ غَيْرُ

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880 From the place of Judgment to Hell.

881 When it is already too late.

خَالِقِ غَيْرُ اللَّهِ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ فَآلَىٰ تُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿٣﴾ وَإِنْ يُكَذِّبُوكَ فَقَدْ كَذَّبَتْ رُسُلٌ مِّن قَبْلِكَ ۖ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ ﴿٤﴾ يَأَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ فَلَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا ۖ وَلَا يَغُرَّنَّكُم بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ ﴿٥﴾ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ فَاتَّخِذُوهُ عَدُوًّا ۗ إِنَّمَا يَدْعُوا حِزْبَهُ لِيَكُونُوا مِنْ أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿٦﴾ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ ۗ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ ﴿٧﴾ أَفَمَن زَيْنَ لَهُ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ فَرَآهُ حَسَنًا ۚ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يُضِلُّ مَن يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي مَن يَشَاءُ ۚ فَلَا تَذْهَبْ نَفْسُكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَسْرَتٍ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٨﴾ وَاللَّهُ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ الرِّيحَ فَتُثِيرُ سَحَابًا فُسْقَنَهُ إِلَىٰ بَلَدٍ مَّيِّتٍ فَأَحْيَيْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ

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Is there any creator other than Allah who provides for you from the heavens and the earth? There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. How can you then be deluded 'from the truth'?

#### Reassuring the Prophet

4. If you are rejected by them, so too were messengers before you. And to Allah 'all' matters will be returned 'for judgment'.

#### Warning Against Satan

5. O humanity! Indeed, Allah's promise is true. So do not let the life of this world deceive you, nor let the Chief Deceiver<sup>882</sup> deceive you about Allah. 6. Surely Satan is an enemy to you, so take him as an enemy. He only invites his followers to become inmates of the Blaze.

#### The Evil-doers and the Good-Doers

7. Those who disbelieve will have a severe punishment. But those who believe and do good will have forgiveness and a great reward. 8. Are those whose evil-doing is made so appealing to them that they deem it good 'like those who are rightly guided'? 'It is' certainly Allah 'Who' leaves to stray whoever He wills, and guides whoever He wills. So do not grieve yourself to death over them 'O Prophet'. Surely Allah is All-Knowing of what they do.

#### Allah's Power 2) The Wind

9. And it is Allah Who sends the winds, which then stir up 'vapour, forming' clouds, and then We drive them to a lifeless land,

giving life to the earth after its death. Similar is the Resurrection.

*All Honour and Power Belongs to Allah*

10. Whoever seeks honour and power, then 'let them know that' all honour and power belongs to Allah. To Him 'alone' good words ascend, and righteous deeds are raised up by Him. As for those who plot evil, they will suffer a severe punishment. And the plotting of such 'people' is doomed 'to fail'.

*Allah's Power 3) Creation of Humans*

11. And 'it is' Allah 'Who' created you from dust,<sup>883</sup> then 'developed you' from a sperm-drop, then made you into pairs.<sup>884</sup> No female ever conceives or delivers without His knowledge. And no one's life is made long or cut short but is 'written' in a Record.<sup>885</sup> That is certainly easy for Allah.

*Allah's Power 4) Fresh and Salt Water*

12. The two bodies of water are not alike: one is fresh, palatable, and pleasant to drink and the other is salty and bitter. Yet from them both you eat tender seafood and extract ornaments to wear. And you see the ships ploughing their way through both, so you may seek His bounty and give thanks 'to Him'.

بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ۖ كَذَلِكَ النُّشُورُ ۝ مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ  
الْعِزَّةَ فَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ جَمِيعًا ۖ إِلَيْهِ يَصْعَدُ الْكَلِمُ  
الطَّيِّبُ وَالْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ يَرْفَعُهُ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ يَمْكُرُونَ  
السَّيِّئَاتِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ ۖ وَمَكْرُ أُولَٰئِكَ هُوَ  
يَبُورُ ۝ وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ  
جَعَلَكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا ۖ وَمَا تَحْمِلُ مِنْ أُنْثَىٰ وَلَا تَضَعُ إِلَّا  
بِعِلْمِهِ ۖ وَمَا يُعَمَّرُ مِنْ مُعَمَّرٍ وَلَا يُنْقَصُ مِنْ  
عُمُرٍ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ ۚ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ۝ وَمَا  
يَسْتَوِي الْبَحْرَانِ ۚ هَذَا عَذْبٌ فُرَاتٌ سَائِغٌ شَرَابُهُ  
وَهَذَا مِلْحٌ أُجَاجٌ ۖ وَمِنْ كُلٍّ تَأْكُلُونَ لَحْمًا طَرِيًّا وَ  
تَسْتَخْرِجُونَ حِلْيَةً تَلْبَسُونَهَا ۖ وَتَرَى الْفُلْكَ فِيهِ  
مَوَاحِرَ لَتَبْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۖ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ۝  
يُولِجُ اللَّيْلُ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُولِجُ النَّهَارُ فِي اللَّيْلِ ۚ وَ

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*Allah's Power 5) Alternation of Day and Night*

13. He merges the night into the day and the day into the night, and has subjected the sun and the moon, each orbiting for an appointed term.

883 Created your father, Adam, from dust.

884 Males and females.

885 See footnote for 33:6.

سَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ ۖ كُلٌّ يَجْرِي لِإِجَالٍ مُّسَمًّى ۖ  
 ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ  
 مِنْ دُونِهِ مَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِنْ قِطْبِيرٍ ۝١٤ إِن تَدْعُوهُمْ  
 لَا يَسْمَعُوا دُعَاءَكُمْ ۖ وَلَوْ سَمِعُوا مَا اسْتَجَابُوا لَكُمْ ۖ  
 وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَكْفُرُونَ بَشْرِكَكُمْ ۖ وَلَا يُنَبِّئُكَ  
 مِثْلُ خَبِيرٍ ۝١٥ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ إِلَى  
 اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ۝١٦ إِن يَشَأْ يُذْهِبْكُمْ  
 وَيَأْتِ بِخَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ ۝١٧ وَمَا ذَٰلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ بِعَزِيزٍ ۝١٨  
 وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ ۖ وَإِن تَدْعُ مُثْقَلَةٌ  
 إِلَىٰ جِثْلِهَا لَا يَحْمِلُ مِنْهُ شَيْءٌ وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ ۖ  
 إِنَّمَا تُنذِرُ الَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ رَبَّهُم بِالْغَيْبِ وَأَقَامُوا  
 الصَّلَاةَ ۖ وَمَنْ تَزَكَّىٰ فَإِنَّمَا يَتَزَكَّىٰ لِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَإِلَى  
 اللَّهِ الْمَصِيرُ ۝١٩ وَمَا يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَىٰ وَالْبَصِيرُ ۝٢٠

وَلَا الظَّالِمُتْ

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### Allah or Powerless Allahs?

That is Allah—your Lord! All authority belongs to Him. But those 'idols' you invoke besides Him do not possess even the skin of a date stone. 14. If you call upon them, they cannot hear your calls. And if they were to hear, they could not respond to you. On the Day of Judgment they will disown your worship 'of them'. And no one can inform you 'O Prophet' like the All-Knowledgeable.

### Allah's Power 6) Sustenance

15. O humanity! It is you who stand in need of Allah, but Allah 'alone' is the Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy. 16. If He willed, He could eliminate you and produce a new creation. 17. And that is not difficult for Allah 'at all'.

### Everyone Is Accountable for Themselves

18. No soul burdened with sin will bear the burden of another. And if a sin-burdened soul cries for help with its burden, none of it will be carried—even by a close relative. You 'O Prophet' can only warn those who stand in awe of their Lord without seeing Him<sup>886</sup> and establish prayer. Whoever purifies themselves, they only do so for their own good. And to Allah is the final return.

### Guidance vs. Misguidance

19. Those blind 'to the truth' and those who can see are not equal,

20. nor are the darkness and the light,  
21. nor the 'scorching' heat and the  
'cool' shade.<sup>887</sup> 22. Nor are the dead  
and the living equal. Indeed, Allah  
'alone' makes whoever He wills hear,  
but you 'O Prophet' can never make  
those in the graves hear 'your call'.

#### Reassuring the Prophet

23. You are only a warner. 24. We  
have surely sent you with the truth  
as a deliverer of good news and a  
warner. There is no community that  
has not had a warner.<sup>888</sup> 25. If they  
deny you, so did those before them.  
Their messengers came to them with  
clear proofs, divine Books, and en-  
lightening Scriptures.<sup>889</sup> 26. Then I  
seized those who persisted in disbe-  
lief. How severe was My response!

#### Allah's Power 7) Diversity

27. Do you not see that Allah sends  
down rain from the sky with which  
We bring forth fruits of different  
colours? And in the mountains are  
streaks of varying shades of white,  
red, and raven black; 28. just as peo-  
ple, living beings, and cattle are of  
various colours as well. Of all of Al-  
lah's servants, only the knowledge-  
able 'of His might' are 'truly' in awe  
of Him. Allah is indeed Almighty,  
All-Forgiving.

#### The Everlasting Reward

29. Surely those who recite the Book

وَلَا الظُّلُمُتْ وَلَا النُّورُ ٢٠ وَلَا الظِّلُّ وَلَا الْحَرُورُ ٢١  
وَمَا يَسْتَوِي الْأَحْيَاءُ وَلَا الْأَمْوَاتُ ٢٢ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُسْمِعُ  
مَنْ يَشَاءُ ٢٣ وَمَا أَنْتَ بِمُسْمِعٍ مَن فِي الْقُبُورِ ٢٤ إِنَّ أَنْتَ  
إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ ٢٥ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَإِنْ  
مِّنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَا فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ ٢٦ وَإِنْ يُّكَذِّبُوكَ فَقَدْ  
كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ ٢٧ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ  
وَبِالزُّبُرِ ٢٨ وَبِالْكِتَابِ الْمُنِيرِ ٢٩ ثُمَّ أَخَذْتُ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ ٣٠ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَنْزَلَ  
مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً ٣١ فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ ثَمَرَاتٍ مُّخْتَلِفًا  
أَلْوَانُهَا ٣٢ وَمِنَ الْجِبَالِ جُدَدٌ بَيَضٌ وَحُمْرٌ مُّخْتَلِفٌ  
أَلْوَانُهَا وَغَرَابِيبُ سُودٌ ٣٣ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ وَالدَّوَابِّ  
وَالْأَنْعَامِ مُخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَانُهُ كَذَلِكَ ٣٤ إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ  
مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ ٣٥ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ غَفُورٌ ٣٦ إِنَّ

الَّذِينَ يَتْلُونَ

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<sup>887</sup> This implies Hell and Paradise.

<sup>888</sup> According to a Prophetic narration collected by Ibn Hibbân, the total number of prophets sent around the world, from Adam (آدم) to Muhammad (محمد), is

124 000—of which only twenty-five are mentioned in the Quran.

<sup>889</sup> i.e., the Torah, the Gospel, and Psalms.

of Allah, establish prayer, and donate from what We have provided for them—secretly and openly—can hope for an exchange that will never fail, 30. so that He will reward them in full and increase them out of His grace. He is truly All-Forgiving, Most Appreciative.

### Three Types of Believers

31. The Book We have revealed to you 'O Prophet' is the truth, confirming what came before it.<sup>890</sup> Surely Allah is All-Aware, All-Seeing of His servants. 32. Then We granted the Book to those We have chosen from Our servants. Some of them wrong themselves, some follow a middle course, and some are foremost in good deeds by Allah's Will. That is 'truly' the greatest bounty.

### Reward of the Believers

33. They will enter the Gardens of Eternity, where they will be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their clothing will be silk. 34. And they will say, "Praise be to Allah, Who has kept away from us all 'causes of' sorrow. Our Lord is indeed All-Forgiving, Most Appreciative. 35. 'He is the One' Who—out of His grace—has settled us in the Home of Everlasting Stay,

الَّذِينَ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنفَقُوا  
مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرْجُونَ تِجَارَةً لَّنْ  
تَبُورَ ﴿٢٩﴾ لِيُؤْفِقَهُمُ أَجُورَهُمْ وَيَزِيدَهُم مِّن فَضْلِهِ  
إِنَّهُ غَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ ﴿٣٠﴾ وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ مِنَ  
الْكِتَابِ هُوَ الْحَقُّ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
بِعِبَادِهِ لَخَبِيرٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٣١﴾ ثُمَّ أَوْرَثْنَا الْكِتَابَ الَّذِينَ  
اصْطَفَيْنَا مِنْ عِبَادِنَا فَمِنْهُمْ ظَالِمٌ لِّنَفْسِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ  
مُقْتَصِدٌ وَمِنْهُمْ سَابِقٌ بِالْخَيْرَاتِ بإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ  
هُوَ الْفَضْلُ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٣٢﴾ جَنَّتٌ عَدْنٌ يَدْخُلُونَهَا  
يُحَلَّوْنَ فِيهَا مِنْ أَسَاوِرَ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَلُؤْلُؤًا وَلِبَاسُهُمْ  
فِيهَا حَرِيرٌ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَقَالُوا الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَذْهَبَ عَنَّا  
الْحَزْنَ إِنَّ رَبَّنَا لَغَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ ﴿٣٤﴾ الَّذِي أَحَلَّنَا  
دَارَ الْمَقَامَةِ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ لَا يَمَسُّنَا فِيهَا نَصَبٌ وَلَا

يَمَسُّنَا فِيهَا

مَنْزِلٌ هـ

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where we will be touched by neither fatigue nor weariness.”

#### *Punishment of the Disbelievers*

36. As for the disbelievers, they will have the Fire of Hell, where they will not be ‘allowed to be’ finished by death, nor will its torment be lightened for them. This is how We reward every ‘stubborn’ disbeliever. 37. There they will be ‘fervently’ screaming, “Our Lord! Take us out ‘and send us back’. We will do good, unlike what we used to do.” They will be told, “Did We not give you lives long enough so that whoever wanted to be mindful could have done so? And the warner came to you. So taste ‘the punishment’, for the wrongdoers have no helper.”

#### *Denying the Almighty*

38. Indeed, Allah is the Knower of the unseen of the heavens and the earth. He surely knows best what is ‘hidden’ in the heart. 39. He is the One Who has placed you as successors on earth. So whoever disbelieves will bear ‘the burden of’ their own disbelief. The disbelievers’ denial only increases them in contempt in the sight of their Lord, and it will only contribute to their loss.

#### *Useless Idols*

40. Ask ‘them, O Prophet’, “Have you considered your associate-gods which you invoke besides Allah? Show me what they have created on earth! Or do they have a share in ‘the creation of’ the heavens? Or have We given the polytheists a Book, which serves as a clear proof for them?

يَسْنَأُ فِيهَا لُغُوبٌ ۝ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ ۖ  
لَا يُقْضَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ فَيَمُوتُوا وَلَا يُخَفَّفُ عَنْهُمْ مِّنْ  
عَذَابِهَا ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ نَجْزِي كُلَّ كَافِرٍ ۝ وَهُمْ يَصْطَرِّحُونَ  
فِيهَا رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا نَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا غَيْرَ الَّذِي كُنَّا  
نَعْمَلُ ۖ أَوَلَمْ نُعَمِّرْكُم مَّا يَتَذَكَّرُ فِيهِ مَن تَذَكَّرُو  
جَاءَكُمُ النَّذِيرُ ۖ فَذُوقُوا فَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِن تَصِيرٍ ۝  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ غَيْبِ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ  
بِدَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ۝ هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُم خَلِيفَ فِي  
الْأَرْضِ ۖ فَمَن كَفَرَ فَعَلَيْهِ كُفْرُهُ ۖ وَلَا يَزِيدُ الْكَافِرِينَ  
كُفْرُهُمْ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ إِلَّا مَقْتًا ۖ وَلَا يَزِيدُ الْكَافِرِينَ  
كُفْرُهُمْ إِلَّا خَسَارًا ۝ قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ شُرَكَاءَ كُمُ الَّذِينَ  
تَدْعُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ ۖ أَرُونِي مَاذَا خَلَقُوا مِنَ  
الْأَرْضِ أَمْ لَهُمْ شِرْكٌ فِي السَّمُوتِ ۖ أَمْ أُتَيْنَهُمْ كِتَابًا



فَهُمْ عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِّنْهُ ۚ بَلْ إِن يَبْدُ الظَّالِمُونَ بَعْضُهُمْ  
بَعْضًا إِلَّا غُرُورًا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُمْسِكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ  
أَنْ تَزُولَا ۚ وَلَئِنْ زَالَتَا إِنْ أَمْسَكَهُمَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِّنْ  
بَعْدِهِ ۚ إِنَّهُ كَانَ حَلِيمًا غَفُورًا ۚ وَأَقْسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ جَهْدَ  
أَيْمَانِهِمْ لَئِنْ جَاءَهُمْ نَذِيرٌ لَّيَكُونُنَّ أَهْدَىٰ مِنْ إِحْدَى  
الْأُمَمِ ۚ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ نَذِيرٌ مَّا زَادَهُمْ إِلَّا نُفُورًا ۚ  
إِسْتَكْبَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَكْرَ السَّيِّئِ ۚ وَلَا يَحِيقُ الْمَكْرُ  
السَّيِّئُ إِلَّا بِأَهْلِهِ ۚ فَهَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا سُنَّتَ الْأَوَّلِينَ  
فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّتِ اللَّهِ تَبْدِيلًا ۚ وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّتِ اللَّهِ  
تَحْوِيلًا ۚ أَوَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ  
كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَكَانُوا أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ  
قُوَّةً ۚ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُعْجِزَهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ  
وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ إِنَّهُ كَانَ عَلِيمًا قَدِيرًا ۚ وَلَوْ يُوَاخِذُ

In fact, the wrongdoers promise each other nothing but delusion."

#### *Allah's Power 8) Maintaining the Universe*

41. Indeed, Allah "alone" keeps the heavens and the earth from falling apart. If they were to fall apart, none but Him could hold them up. He is truly Most Forbearing, All-Forgiving.

#### *Warning to the Disbelievers*

42. They swore by Allah their most solemn oaths that if a warner were to come to them, they would certainly be better guided than any other community. Yet when a warner did come to them, it only drove them farther away— 43. behaving arrogantly in the land and plotting evil. But evil plotting only backfires on those who plot. Are they awaiting anything but the fate of those "destroyed" before? You will find no change in the way of Allah, nor will you find it diverted "to someone else". 44. Have they not travelled throughout the land to see what was the end of those "destroyed" before them? They were far superior in might. But there is nothing that can escape Allah in the heavens or the earth. He is certainly All-Knowing, Most Capable.

#### *Allowing Time for Repentance*

45. If Allah were to punish people

‘immediately’ for what they have committed, He would not have left a single living being on earth. But He delays them for an appointed term. And when their time arrives, then surely Allah is All-Seeing of His servants.



### 36. Yâ-Sîn (Yâ-Sîn)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Wake-up Call

1. *Yâ-Sîn*. 2. By the Quran, rich in wisdom! 3. You ‘O Prophet’ are truly one of the messengers 4. upon the Straight Path. 5. ‘This is’ a revelation from the Almighty, Most Merciful, 6. so that you may warn a people whose forefathers were not warned, and so are heedless. 7. The decree ‘of torment’ has already been justified against most of them, for they will never believe. 8. ‘It is as if’ We have put shackles around their necks up to their chins, so their heads are forced up, 9. and have placed a barrier before them and a barrier behind them and covered them ‘all’ up, so they fail to see ‘the truth’.

#### Who Benefits from Reminders

10. It is the same whether you warn them or not—they will never believe. 11. You can only warn those who follow the Reminder<sup>891</sup> and are in awe of the Most Compassionate without seeing Him.<sup>892</sup>

سُورَةُ

اللَّهُ النَّاسَ بِمَا كَسَبُوا مَا تَرَكَ عَلَى ظَهْرِهَا مِنْ  
دَابَّةٍ وَلَكِنْ يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ۖ فَإِذَا  
جَاءَ أَجَلُهُمْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِعِبَادِهِ بَصِيرًا ۝

سُورَةُ الْيُسُفٰى مَكِّيَّةٌ (٢١) ﴿٢١﴾ ﴿٢٢﴾ ﴿٢٣﴾ ﴿٢٤﴾ ﴿٢٥﴾ ﴿٢٦﴾ ﴿٢٧﴾ ﴿٢٨﴾ ﴿٢٩﴾ ﴿٣٠﴾ ﴿٣١﴾ ﴿٣٢﴾ ﴿٣٣﴾ ﴿٣٤﴾ ﴿٣٥﴾ ﴿٣٦﴾ ﴿٣٧﴾ ﴿٣٨﴾ ﴿٣٩﴾ ﴿٤٠﴾ ﴿٤١﴾ ﴿٤٢﴾ ﴿٤٣﴾ ﴿٤٤﴾ ﴿٤٥﴾ ﴿٤٦﴾ ﴿٤٧﴾ ﴿٤٨﴾ ﴿٤٩﴾ ﴿٥٠﴾ ﴿٥١﴾ ﴿٥٢﴾ ﴿٥٣﴾ ﴿٥٤﴾ ﴿٥٥﴾ ﴿٥٦﴾ ﴿٥٧﴾ ﴿٥٨﴾ ﴿٥٩﴾ ﴿٦٠﴾ ﴿٦١﴾ ﴿٦٢﴾ ﴿٦٣﴾ ﴿٦٤﴾ ﴿٦٥﴾ ﴿٦٦﴾ ﴿٦٧﴾ ﴿٦٨﴾ ﴿٦٩﴾ ﴿٧٠﴾ ﴿٧١﴾ ﴿٧٢﴾ ﴿٧٣﴾ ﴿٧٤﴾ ﴿٧٥﴾ ﴿٧٦﴾ ﴿٧٧﴾ ﴿٧٨﴾ ﴿٧٩﴾ ﴿٨٠﴾ ﴿٨١﴾ ﴿٨٢﴾ ﴿٨٣﴾ ﴿٨٤﴾ ﴿٨٥﴾ ﴿٨٦﴾ ﴿٨٧﴾ ﴿٨٨﴾ ﴿٨٩﴾ ﴿٩٠﴾ ﴿٩١﴾ ﴿٩٢﴾ ﴿٩٣﴾ ﴿٩٤﴾ ﴿٩٥﴾ ﴿٩٦﴾ ﴿٩٧﴾ ﴿٩٨﴾ ﴿٩٩﴾ ﴿١٠٠﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝  
يَسٓ ۝ وَالْقُرْآنِ الْحَكِيمِ ۝ إِنَّكَ لَمِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ۝ عَلَىٰ  
صِرَاطٍ مُّسْتَقِيمٍ ۝ تَنْزِيلِ الْعَزِيزِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝ لِتُنذِرَ قَوْمًا  
مَّا أُنذِرَ آبَاؤُهُمْ فَهُمْ غَافِلُونَ ۝ لَقَدْ حَقَّ الْقَوْلُ عَلَىٰ  
أَكْثَرِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا فِيْٓ أَعْنَاقِهِمْ أَغْلَالًا  
فَهِيَ إِلَىٰ الْأَذْقَانِ فَهُمْ مُّقْمَحُونَ ۝ وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْ بَيْنِ  
أَيْدِيهِمْ سَدًّا وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ سَدًّا فَأَغْشَيْنَاهُمْ فَهُمْ  
لَا يُبْصِرُونَ ۝ وَسَوَاءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ ءَأَنذَرْتَهُمْ أَمْ لَمْ تُنذِرْهُمْ  
لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝ إِنَّمَا تُنذِرُ مَنِ اتَّبَعَ الذِّكْرَ وَخَشِيَ الرَّحْمَنَ

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891 The Reminder is another name for the Quran.

892 See footnote for 35:18.

بِالْغَيْبِ فَبَشِّرْهُ بِمَغْفِرَةٍ وَأَجْرٍ كَرِيمٍ ۝ إِنَّا نَحْنُ نُحْيِي  
 الْمَوْتَى وَنَكْتُبُ مَا قَدَّمُوا وَآثَارَهُمْ وَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ أَحْصَيْنَاهُ  
 فِي إِمَامٍ مُبِينٍ ۝ وَاضْرِبْ لَهُم مَّثَلًا أَصْحَابَ الْقَرْيَةِ  
 إِذْ جَاءَهَا الْمُرْسَلُونَ ۝ إِذْ أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهِمُ اثْنَيْنِ  
 فَكَذَّبُوهُمَا فَعَبَّزْنَاهَا بِثَالِثٍ فَقَالُوا إِنَّا إِلَيْكُم مُّرْسَلُونَ ۝  
 قَالُوا مَا أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُنَا وَمَا أَنْزَلَ الرَّحْمَنُ مِنْ  
 شَيْءٍ ۖ إِنْ أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا تَكْذِبُونَ ۝ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا يَعْلَمُ  
 إِنَّا إِلَيْكُم لَمُرْسَلُونَ ۝ وَمَا عَلَيْنَا إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ ۝  
 قَالُوا إِنَّا تَطَيَّرْنَا بِكُمْ ۖ لَئِنْ لَمْ تَنْتَهُوا لَنَرْجُمَنَّكُمْ وَ  
 لَنَمَسَّتْكُمْ مَنَا عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۝ قَالُوا طَائِرُكُم مَّعَكُمْ ۖ  
 أَإِنْ دُكِّرْتُمْ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ مُّسْرِفُونَ ۝ وَجَاءَ مِنْ  
 أَقْصَا الْمَدِينَةِ رَجُلٌ يَسْعَى قَالَ يَاقَوْمِ اتَّبِعُوا الْمُرْسَلِينَ  
 اتَّبِعُوا مَنْ لَا يَسْأَلُكُمْ أَجْرًا وَهُمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ ۝

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So give them good news of forgiveness and an honourable reward.

12. It is certainly We Who resurrect the dead, and write what they send forth and what they leave behind. Everything is listed by Us in a perfect Record.<sup>893</sup>

#### The Three Messengers

13. Give them an example 'O Prophet' of the residents of a town, when the messengers came to them. 14. We sent them two messengers, but they rejected both. So We reinforced 'the two' with a third, and they declared, "We have indeed been sent to you 'as messengers'." 15. The people replied, "You are only humans like us, and the Most Compassionate has not revealed anything. You are simply lying!" 16. The messengers responded, "Our Lord knows that we have truly been sent to you. 17. And our duty is only to deliver 'the message' clearly." 18. The people replied, "We definitely see you as a bad omen for us. If you do not desist, we will certainly stone you 'to death' and you will be touched with a painful punishment from us." 19. The messengers said, "Your bad omen lies within yourselves. Are you saying this because you are reminded 'of the truth'? In fact, you are a transgressing people."

#### An Advocate of the Truth

20. Then from the farthest end of the

city a man came, rushing. He advised, "O my people! Follow the messengers. 21. Follow those who ask no reward

of you, and are 'rightly' guided.

22. And why should I not worship the One Who has originated me, and to Whom you will be returned. 23. How could I take besides Him other gods whose intercession would not be of any benefit to me, nor could they save me if the Most Compassionate intended to harm me? 24. Indeed, I would then be clearly astray. 25. I do believe in your Lord, so listen to me." 26. "But they killed him, then" he was told 'by the angels', "Enter Paradise!" He said, "If only my people knew 27. of how my Lord has forgiven me, and made me one of the honourable."

### The Wicked Destroyed

28. We did not send any soldiers from the heavens against his people after his death, nor did We need to. 29. All it took was one 'mighty' blast, and they were extinguished at once. 30. Oh pity, such beings! No messenger ever came to them without being mocked. 31. Have the deniers not considered how many peoples We destroyed before them who never came back to life again? 32. Yet they will all be brought before Us.

### Allah's Signs 1) the Earth

33. There is a sign for them in the dead earth: We give it life,

وَمَا لِيَ لَا أَعْبُدُ الَّذِي فَطَرَنِي وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾  
 ءَأَتَّخِذُ مِنْ دُونِهِ إِلَهَةً إِنْ يُّرْدِنِ الرَّحْمَنُ بِضُرٍّ لَا  
 تُغْنِي عَنِّي شَفَاعَتُهُمْ شَيْئًا وَلَا يُنْقِذُونِ ﴿٢٣﴾ إِنِّي إِذَا  
 لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٢٤﴾ إِنِّي آمَنْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ فَاسْمِعُونِ ﴿٢٥﴾  
 قِيلَ ادْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ ۖ قَالَ يَلِيَتْ قَوْمِي يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ بِمَا  
 غَفَرْتُ لِي رَبِّي وَجَعَلَنِي مِنَ الْمُكْرَمِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَمَا أَنْزَلْنَا  
 عَلَى قَوْمِهِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ مِنْ جُنْدٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا كُنَّا  
 مُنْزِلِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾ إِنْ كَانَتْ إِلَّا صَيْحَةً وَاحِدَةً فَإِذَا هُمْ  
 خَمِدُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ يُحْسِرَةٌ عَلَى الْعِبَادِ ۖ مَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِّن رَّسُولٍ  
 إِلَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ أَلَمْ يَرَوْا كَمَا أَهْلَكْنَا  
 قَبْلَهُمْ مِّنَ الْقُرُونِ أَنَّهُمْ إِلَيْهِمْ لَا يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ وَإِنْ  
 كُلُّ لَبَّاءٍ جَمِيعٌ ۖ لَّدَيْنَا مُحْضَرُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَأَيُّ لَّهِمُ الْأَرْضُ  
 الْمَيْتَةُ ۖ أَحْيَيْنَاهَا وَأَخْرَجْنَا مِنْهَا حَبًّا فَمِنْهُ

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يَا كُؤُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَجَعَلْنَا فِيهَا جَنَّاتٍ مِّنْ نَّخِيلٍ وَأَعْنَابٍ  
 وَفَجَّرْنَا فِيهَا مِنَ الْعُيُونِ ﴿٣٤﴾ لِيَأْكُلُوا مِنْ ثَمَرِهِمْ  
 وَمَا عَمِلَتْهُ أَيْدِيهِمْ ۖ أَفَلَا يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ سُبْحَنَ الَّذِي  
 خَلَقَ الْأَزْوَاجَ كُلَّهَا مِمَّا تُثْبِتُ الْأَرْضُ وَمِمَّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ  
 وَمِمَّا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَإِيتِ لَهُمُ اللَّيْلُ ۖ تَسْلَخُ مِنْهُ النَّهَارُ  
 فَإِذَا هُمْ مُظْلِمُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَالشَّمْسُ تَجْرِي لِمُسْتَقَرٍّ لَّهَا ۖ  
 ذَلِكَ تَقْدِيرُ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَالْقَمَرَ قَدَرْنَاهُ مَنَازِلَ  
 حَتَّىٰ عَادَ كَالْعُرْجُونِ الْقَدِيمِ ﴿٣٩﴾ لَا الشَّمْسُ يَنْبَغِي لَهَا  
 أَنْ تُدْرِكَ الْقَمَرَ وَلَا اللَّيْلُ سَابِقُ النَّهَارِ ۚ وَكُلٌّ  
 فِي فَلَكٍ يَسْبَحُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾ وَإِيتِ لَهُمُ آيَةً أَنَّا حَمَلْنَا ذُرِّيَّتَهُمُ  
 فِي الْفُلِكِ الْمَشْحُونِ ﴿٤١﴾ وَخَلَقْنَا لَهُمُ مِن مِّثْلِهِ مَا  
 يَرْكَبُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَإِنْ نَشَأْ نُغْرِقْهُمْ فَلَا صَرِيخَ لَهُمْ وَلَا  
 هُمْ يُنْقَذُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً مِنَّا وَمَتَاعًا إِلَىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٤٤﴾

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producing grain from it for them to eat. 34. And We have placed in it gardens of palm trees and grapevines, and caused springs to gush forth in it, 35. so that they may eat from its fruit, which they had no hand in making. Will they not then give thanks? 36. Glory be to the One Who created all 'things in' pairs—'be it' what the earth produces, their genders, or what they do not know!

#### Allah's Signs 2) Night

37. There is also a sign for them in the night: We strip from it daylight, then—behold!—they are in darkness.

#### Allah's Signs 3) the Sun and the Moon

38. The sun travels for its fixed term. That is the design of the Almighty, All-Knowing. 39. As for the moon, We have ordained 'precise' phases for it, until it ends up like an old, curved palm stalk. 40. It is not for the sun to catch up with the moon,<sup>894</sup> nor does the night outrun the day. Each is travelling in an orbit of their own.

#### Allah's Signs 4) Mercy at Sea

41. Another sign for them is that We carried their ancestors 'with Noah' in the fully loaded Ark, 42. and created for them similar things to ride in. 43. If We willed, We could drown them: then no one would respond to their cries, nor would they be rescued— 44. except by mercy from Us,

allowing them enjoyment for a 'little' while.

894 The moon completes a cycle every month (waxing and waning), while the sun takes a whole year to complete its cycle (resulting in the spring, summer, fall, and winter seasons).

*Stance of the Polytheists*

45. "Still they turn away" when it is said to them, "Beware of what is ahead of you 'in the Hereafter' and what is behind you 'of destroyed nations' so you may be shown mercy." 46. Whenever a sign comes to them from their Lord, they turn away from it. 47. And when it is said to them, "Donate from what Allah has provided for you," the disbelievers say to the believers, "Why should we feed those whom Allah could have fed if He wanted to? You are clearly astray!"

*Too Late for the Deniers*

48. And they ask 'the believers', "When will this threat come to pass, if what you say is true?" 49. They must be awaiting a single Blast,<sup>895</sup> which will seize them while they are 'entrenched' in 'worldly' disputes. 50. Then they will not be able to make a 'last' will, nor can they return to their own people. 51. The Trumpet will be blown 'a second time', then—behold!—they will rush from the graves to their Lord. 52. They will cry, "Woe to us! Who has raised us up from our place of rest? This must be what the Most Compassionate warned us of; the messengers told the truth!" 53. It will only take one Blast, then at once they will all be brought before Us.

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمُ اتَّقُوا مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيكُمْ وَمَا خَلْفَكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿٤٥﴾ وَمَا تَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ آيَةٍ مِنْ آيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ إِلَّا كَانُوا عَنْهَا مُعْرِضِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمُ أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمْ اللَّهُ قَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْطَعِمُ مَنْ لَوْ يَشَاءُ اللَّهُ أطعمه ۖ إِنْ أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾ مَا يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا صَيْحَةً وَاحِدَةً تَأْخُذُهُمْ وَهُمْ يَخِصِّمُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ تَوْصِيَةً وَلَا إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾ وَتُفْخَخُ فِي الصُّورِ فَإِذَا هُمْ مِنَ الْأَجْدَاثِ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَنْسِلُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ قَالُوا يَوْمَئِذٍ لَّكَ مَا بَعَثْنَا مِنْ مُّرْقَدَةٍ هَذَا مَا وَعَدَ الرَّحْمَنُ وَصَدَقَ الْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾ إِنْ كَانَتْ إِلَّا صَيْحَةً وَاحِدَةً فَإِذَا هُمْ جَمِيعٌ لَدَيْنَا مُحْضَرُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾

فَالْيَوْمَ لَا

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<sup>895</sup> On the Day of Judgment, the Trumpet will be blown by an angel—causing all to die. When it is blown a second time, everyone will be raised from the dead for judgement (see 39:68).

54. On that Day no soul will be wronged in the least, nor will you be rewarded except for what you used to do.

#### Reward of the Believers

55. Indeed, on that Day the residents of Paradise will be busy enjoying themselves. 56. They and their spouses will be in 'cool' shade, reclining on 'canopied' couches. 57. There they will have fruits and whatever they desire. 58. And "Peace!" will be 'their' greeting from the Merciful Lord.

#### Reward of the Disbelievers

59. 'Then the disbelievers will be told,' "Step away 'from the believers' this Day, O wicked ones! 60. Did I not command you, O Children of Adam, not to follow Satan, for he is truly your sworn enemy, 61. but to worship Me 'alone'? This is the Straight Path. 62. Yet he already misled great multitudes of you. Did you not have any sense? 63. This is the Hell you were warned of. 64. Burn in it Today for your disbelief." 65. On this Day We will seal their mouths, their hands will speak to Us, and their feet will testify to what they used to commit.

#### Allah's Power over the Deniers

66. Had We willed, We could have easily blinded their eyes,

فَالْيَوْمَ لَا تُظْلَمُ نَفْسٌ شَيْئًا وَلَا تُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا  
كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾ إِنَّ أَصْحَابَ الْجَنَّةِ الْيَوْمَ فِي  
شُغْلٍ فَاكِهُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ هُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُهُمْ فِي ظِلِّ عَلَى  
الْأَرَائِكِ مُتَكِرُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾ لَهُمْ فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ وَلَهُمْ  
مَا يَدْعُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾ سَلَامٌ قَوْلًا مِّن رَّبِّ رَحِيمٍ ﴿٥٨﴾ وَامْتَازُوا  
الْيَوْمَ أَيُّهَا الْمَجْرُمُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾ أَلَمْ أَعْهَدْ إِلَيْكُمْ يَبْنَئِي  
أَدَمَ أَنْ لَا تَعْبُدُوا الشَّيْطَانَ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ  
مُّبِينٌ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَإِنْ أَعْبُدُونِي ۚ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿٦١﴾  
وَلَقَدْ أَضَلَّ مِنْكُمْ جِبِلًّا كَثِيرًا أَفَلَمْ تَكُونُوا  
تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾ هَذِهِ جَهَنَّمُ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾  
إِصْلَوْهَا الْيَوْمَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾ الْيَوْمَ نَخْتِمُ  
عَلَى أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَتُكَلِّمُنَا أَيْدِيهِمْ وَتَشْهَدُ أَرْجُلُهُمْ  
بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾ وَلَوْ نَشَاءُ لَطَمَسْنَا عَلَى

وَقَدْ غَضَبْنَاكَ

so they would struggle to find their way. How then could they see? 67. And had We willed, We could have transfigured them on the spot,<sup>896</sup> so they could neither progress forward nor turn back. 68. And whoever We grant a long life, We reverse them in development.<sup>897</sup> Will they not then understand?

#### *The Prophet Is Not a Poet*

69. We have not taught him poetry, nor is it fitting for him. This 'Book' is only a Reminder and a clear Quran 70. to warn whoever is 'truly' alive and fulfil the decree 'of torment' against the disbelievers.

#### *Allah's Signs 5) Domesticated Animals*

71. Do they not see that We singlehandedly<sup>898</sup> created for them, among other things, cattle which are under their control? 72. And We have subjected these 'animals' to them, so they may ride some and eat others. 73. And they derive from them other benefits and drinks. Will they not then give thanks?

#### *Ingratitude of the Deniers*

74. Still they have taken other gods besides Allah, hoping to be helped 'by them'. 75. They cannot help the pagans, even though they serve the idols as dedicated guards.<sup>899</sup> 76. So do not let their words grieve you 'O Prophet'. Indeed, We 'fully' know what they conceal and what they reveal.

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أَعْيَنَهُمْ فَاسْتَبَقُوا الصِّرَاطَ فَأَنَّى يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾ وَلَوْ  
 نَشَاءُ لَمَسَخْنَاهُمْ عَلَى مَكَانَتِهِمْ فَمَا اسْتَطَاعُوا  
 مُضِيًّا وَلَا يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾ وَمَنْ تَعْبِرُهُ نُنَكِّسْهُ فِي  
 الْخَلْقِ أَفَلَا يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾ وَمَا عَلَّمْنَاهُ الشِّعْرَ وَمَا  
 يَنْبَغِي لَهُ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ وَقُرْآنٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٧٠﴾ لِيُنْذِرَ  
 مَنْ كَانَ حَيًّا وَيَحِقَّ الْقَوْلُ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٧١﴾ أَوَلَمْ  
 يَرَوْا أَنَّا خَلَقْنَا لَهُمْ مِمَّا عَمِلَتْ أَيْدِينَا أَنْعَامًا  
 فَهُمْ لَهَا مَالِكُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾ وَذَلَّلْنَاهَا لَهُمْ فَمِنْهَا رَكُوبُهُمْ  
 وَمِنْهَا يَأْكُلُونَ ﴿٧٣﴾ وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا مَنَافِعُ وَمَشَارِبُ  
 أَفَلَا يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٧٤﴾ وَاتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ آلِهَةً  
 لَّعَلَّهُمْ يُنْصَرُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ نَصْرَهُمْ وَلَا هُمْ  
 لَهُمْ جُنْدٌ مُّحْضَرُونَ ﴿٧٦﴾ فَلَا يَحْزَنكَ قَوْلُهُمْ إِنَّا  
 نَعْلَمُ مَا يُسْرُونَ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ ﴿٧٧﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا

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896 Meaning, We have the ability to turn them into stone or any other inanimate object.

897 Human beings are born weak, then they reach their prime, then they grow weak after a certain age. See 30:54.

898 lit., 'what Our Own Hands have created.'

899 Another meaning is that those idols will be assembled to witness the torment of their worshippers on Judgment Day.



الْإِنْسَانُ أَنَا خَلَقْتُهُ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ فَإِذَا هُوَ خَصِيمٌ مُبِينٌ ۝ وَضَرَبَ لَنَا مَثَلًا وَنَسِيَ خَلْقَهُ قَالَ مَنْ يُحْيِي الْعِظَامَ وَهِيَ رَمِيمٌ ۝ قُلْ يُحْيِيهَا الَّذِي أَنشَأَهَا أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ ۖ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ خَلْقٍ عَلِيمٌ ۝ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنَ الشَّجَرِ الْأَخْضَرِ نَارًا فَإِذَا أَنْتُمْ مِّنْهُ تُوقَدُونَ ۝ أَوَلَيْسَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِقَدِيرٍ عَلَىٰ أَن يَخْلُقَ مِثْلَهُمْ ۚ بَلَىٰ ۖ وَهُوَ الْخَلَّاقُ الْعَلِيمُ ۝ إِنَّمَا أَمْرُهُ إِذَا أَرَادَ شَيْئًا أَن يَقُولَ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ۝ فَسُبْحَانَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ ۖ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ۝

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝ وَالصَّفِّ صَفًّا ۖ فَالزُّجُرِثُ زُجْرًا ۖ فَالتَّلِيلِ ذِكْرًا ۖ إِنَّ إِلَهَكُمْ لَوَاحِدٌ ۖ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا

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## Allah's Power to Resurrect

77. Do people not see that We have created them from a sperm-drop, then—behold!—they openly challenge 'Us'? 78. And they argue with Us—forgetting they were created—saying, "Who will give life to decayed bones?" 79. Say, 'O Prophet,' "They will be revived by the One Who produced them the first time, for He has 'perfect' knowledge of every created being. 80. 'He is the One' Who gives you fire from green trees, and—behold!—you kindle 'fire' from them.<sup>900</sup> 81. Can the One Who created the heavens and the earth not 'easily' resurrect these 'deniers'?" Yes 'He can'! For He is the Master Creator, All-Knowing. 82. All it takes, when He wills something 'to be', is simply to say to it: "Be!" And it is! 83. So glory be to the One in Whose Hands is the authority over all things, and to Whom 'alone' you will 'all' be returned.

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## 37. Those 'Angels' Lined up in Ranks (Aş-Şaffât)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

## One God Only

1. By those 'angels' lined up in ranks,

2. and those who diligently drive 'the clouds', 3. and those who recite the Reminder! 4. Surely your God is One! 5. 'He is' the Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything in between,

900 The verse refers to two types of Arabian trees, *markh* and *'afâr*, which produce fire when their green branches are rubbed together.

and the Lord of all points of sunrise.

*The Heavens Decorated and Protected*  
6. Indeed, We have adorned the lowest heaven with the stars for decoration 7. and 'for' protection from every rebellious devil. 8. They cannot listen to the highest assembly 'of angels' for they are pelted from every side, 9. 'fiercely' driven away. And they will suffer an everlasting torment. 10. But whoever manages to stealthily eavesdrop is 'instantly' pursued by a piercing flare.

*A Question to Resurrection Deniers*  
11. So ask them 'O Prophet', which is harder to create: them or other marvels of Our creation?<sup>901</sup> Indeed, We created them from a sticky clay.<sup>902</sup> 12. In fact, you are astonished 'by their denial', while they ridicule 'you'. 13. When they are reminded, they are never mindful. 14. And whenever they see a sign, they make fun of it, 15. saying, "This is nothing but pure magic. 16. When we are dead and reduced to dust and bones, will we really be resurrected? 17. And our forefathers as well?" 18. Say, "Yes! And you will be fully humbled."

*The Deniers After Resurrection*

19. It will only take one Blast,<sup>903</sup> then at once they will see 'it all'. 20. They will cry, "Oh, woe to us! This is the Day of Judgment!" 21. 'They will be told,' "This is the Day of 'Final' Decision which you used to deny." 22. 'Allah will say to the angels,'

وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا وَرَبُّ الْمَشَارِقِ ٥ إِنْ أَزَيْنَا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْيَا  
بِزِينَةِ الْكَوَاكِبِ ٦ وَحِفْظًا مِّنْ كُلِّ شَيْطَانٍ مَّارِدٍ ٧  
لَّا يَسْمَعُونَ إِلَى الْمَلَأِ الْأَعْلَى وَيُقَدِّفُونَ مِنْ كُلِّ  
جَانِبٍ ٨ دُخُورًا وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ وَاصِبٌ ٩ إِلَّا مَنْ  
خَطِفَ الْخَطْفَةَ فَاتَّبَعَهُ شَهَابٌ ثَاقِبٌ ١٠ فَاسْتَفْتِهِمْ  
أَهُمْ أَشَدُّ خَلْقًا أَمْ مَّنْ خَلَقْنَا إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاهُمْ مِّنْ طِينٍ  
لَّزِبٍ ١١ بَلْ عَجِبْتَ وَيَسْخَرُونَ ١٢ وَإِذَا ذُكِّرُوا لَا  
يَذْكُرُونَ ١٣ وَإِذَا رَأَوْا آيَةً يَسْتَسْخَرُونَ ١٤ وَقَالُوا إِن  
هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ ١٥ أَإِذَا مِتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا وَعِظَامًا  
ءَاِنَّا لَمَبْعُوثُونَ ١٦ أَوِ آبَاؤُنَا الْأَوَّلُونَ ١٧ قُلْ نَعَمْ وَأَنْتُمْ  
دَاخِرُونَ ١٨ فَاتَّبِعْنِي فِي رَجْعَةٍ وَاحِدَةٍ فَإِذَا هُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ ١٩  
وَقَالُوا يُوَيْلَنَا هَذَا يَوْمُ الدِّينِ ٢٠ هَذَا يَوْمُ الْفَصْلِ  
الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تُكَذِّبُونَ ٢١ اُحْشَرُوا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ٢٢

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901 i.e., the angels, the sun, the moon, the stars, and the mountains.

902 Their father Adam (ﷺ).

903 This is when the Trumpet will be blown the second time.

وَأَرْوَاهُمْ وَمَا كَانُوا يَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ مَنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ  
 فَأَهْدُوهُمْ إِلَى صِرَاطِ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَقِفُوهُمْ إِنَّهُمْ  
 مَسْئُولُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾ مَا لَكُمْ لَا تَنصَرُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ بَلْ هُمْ  
 يَوْمَئِذٍ مُّسْتَسْلِمُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَأَقْبِلْ بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾  
 قَالُوا إِنَّا كُنْتُمْ تَأْتُونَنَا عَنِ الْيَمِينِ ﴿٢٩﴾ قَالُوا بَلْ  
 لَمْ تَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾ وَمَا كَانَ لَنَا عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ  
 سُلْطَانٍ بَلْ كُنْتُمْ قَوْمًا طَٰغِينَ ﴿٣١﴾ فَحَقَّ عَلَيْنَا قَوْلُ  
 رَبِّنَا إِنَّآ لَذَٰبِقُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ فَأَغْوَيْنَاكُمْ إِنَّا كُنَّا غُٰوِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾  
 فَأَنَّهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ فِي الْعَذَابِ مُشْتَرِكُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ إِنَّا كَذٰلِكَ  
 نَفْعَلُ بِالْجَارِمِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا إِلٰهَ  
 إِلَّا اللَّهُ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ إِنَّا لَنَنَارِكُوا إِلٰهَتِنَا  
 لِشَاعِرٍ مَّجْنُونٍ ﴿٣٧﴾ بَلْ جَاءَ بِالْحَقِّ وَصَدَقَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾  
 إِنَّكُمْ لَذَٰبِقُوا الْعَذَابِ الْآلِيمِ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَمَا تُجْزَوْنَ

إِلَّا مَا كُنْتُمْ

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↑ “Gather ‘all’ the wrongdoers along with their peers, and whatever they used to worship 23. instead of Allah, then lead them ‘all’ to the path of Hell. 24. And detain them, for they must be questioned.” 25. “Then they will be asked,” “What is the matter with you that you can no longer help each other?” 26. In fact, on that Day they will be ‘fully’ submissive.

#### *The Misleaders vs. the Misled*

27. They will turn on each other, throwing blame. 28. The misled will say, “It was you who deluded us away from what is right.”<sup>904</sup> 29. The misleaders will reply, “No! You disbelieved on your own. 30. We had no authority over you. In fact, you yourselves were a transgressing people. 31. The decree of our Lord has come to pass against us ‘all’: we will certainly taste ‘the punishment’. 32. We caused you to deviate, for we ourselves were deviant.” 33. Surely on that Day they will ‘all’ share in the punishment.

#### *Warning to Arab Pagans*

34. That is certainly how We deal with the wicked. 35. For whenever it was said to them ‘in the world’, “There is no god ‘worthy of worship’ except Allah,” they acted arrogantly 36. and argued, “Should we really abandon our gods for a mad poet?” 37. In fact, he came with the truth,

confirming ‘earlier’ messengers. 38. You will certainly taste the painful torment,

904 Other possible translations: 1. “It was you who used to pressure us.” 2. “It was you who tricked us in the name of the truth.” 3. “It was you who dissuaded us from doing good.” 4. “It was you who deceived us with false oaths.”

39. and will only be rewarded for what you used to do.

#### Reward of the Devout

40. But not the chosen servants of Allah. 41. They will have a known provision: 42. fruits 'of every type'.<sup>905</sup> And they will be honoured 43. in the Gardens of Bliss, 44. facing each other on thrones.<sup>906</sup> 45. A drink 'of pure wine' will be passed around to them from a flowing stream: 46. crystal-white, delicious to drink. 47. It will neither harm 'them', nor will they be intoxicated by it. 48. And with them will be maidens of modest gaze and gorgeous eyes, 49. as if they were pristine pearls.<sup>907</sup>

#### The People of Paradise Chatting

50. Then they will turn to one another inquisitively.<sup>908</sup> 51. One of them will say, "I once had a companion 'in the world' 52. who used to ask 'me', 'Do you actually believe 'in resurrection'? 53. When we are dead and reduced to dust and bones, will we really be brought to judgment?" 54. He will 'then' ask, "Would you care to see 'his fate'?" 55. Then he 'and the others' will look and spot him in the midst of the Hellfire. 56. He will 'then' say, "By Allah! You nearly ruined me. 57. Had it not been for the grace of my Lord, I

'too' would have certainly been among those brought 'to Hell'." 58. 'Then he will ask his fellow believers,' "Can you imagine that we will never die, 59. except our first death,

إِلَّا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ إِلَّا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ الْمُخْلَصِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾  
 أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ رِزْقٌ مَّعْلُومٌ ﴿٤١﴾ فَوَاكِهُ وَهُمْ مُكْرَمُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾  
 فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٤٣﴾ عَلَى سُرُرٍ مُّتَقَابِلِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾ يُطَافُ  
 عَلَيْهِمْ بِكَأْسٍ مِّنْ مَّعِينٍ ﴿٤٥﴾ بَيَضَاءُ لَّدَى الشَّرِبِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾  
 لَا فِيهَا غَوْلٌ وَلَا هُمْ عَنْهَا يُنْزَفُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَعِنْدَهُمْ  
 قُصُورٌ الطَّرْفِ عَيْنٍ ﴿٤٨﴾ كَأَنَّهُنَّ بَيْضٌ مَّكْنُونٌ ﴿٤٩﴾  
 فَأَقْبَلَ بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾ قَالَ  
 قَائِلٌ مِّنْهُمْ إِنِّي كَانَ لِي قَرِينٌ ﴿٥١﴾ يَقُولُ أَبِئْسَ  
 لِمَنِ الْمَصْدَقِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾ إِذَا مِتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا وَعِظَامًا  
 ءَأِنَّا لَمَدِيدُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ قَالَ هَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُّطْلَعُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾  
 فَاطَّلَعَ فَرَآهُ فِي سَوَاءِ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿٥٥﴾ قَالَ تَاللَّهِ إِن  
 كِدَّتْ لَتُرْدِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾ وَلَوْلَا نِعْمَةُ رَبِّي لَكُنْتُ مِنَ  
 الْمُحْضَرِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾ أَفَبَا نَحْنُ بِمَبِيتِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾ إِلَّا مَوْتَتَنَا

905 This implies all sorts of delicacies, not just fruits.

906 Facing each other implies that no one will have anything in their hearts against others.

907 'Boiqun makhnun' can also mean spotless eggs.

908 It is assumed that they will ask each other about their lives in the world and what led them to Paradise.

الْأُولَى وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمُعَذِّبِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾ إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْفَوْزُ  
 الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٦٠﴾ لَيْسَ هَذَا فَلْيَعْمَلِ الْعَمِلُونَ ﴿٦١﴾ أَذَلِكَ  
 خَيْرٌ تُزَلُّ أَمْ شَجَرَةُ الرَّقُومِ ﴿٦٢﴾ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَاهَا فِتْنَةً  
 لِلظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٦٣﴾ إِنَّهَا شَجَرَةٌ تَخْرُجُ فِي أَصْلِ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿٦٤﴾  
 طَلْعُهَا كَأَنَّهُ رُءُوسُ الشَّيَاطِينِ ﴿٦٥﴾ فَإِنَّهُمْ  
 لَا يَكُونُونَ مِنْهَا فَمَا لُتُونَ مِنْهَا الْبُطُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾ ثُمَّ إِنَّ لَكُمْ  
 عَلَيْهَا لَشَوْبًا مِّنْ حَمِيمٍ ﴿٦٧﴾ ثُمَّ إِنَّ مَرْجِعَهُمْ لَا إِلَى  
 الْجَحِيمِ ﴿٦٨﴾ إِنَّهُمْ أَفْوَا أَبَاءَهُمْ ضَالِّينَ ﴿٦٩﴾ فَهُمْ  
 عَلَىٰ أَثَرِهِمْ يُهْرَعُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ وَلَقَدْ ضَلَّ قَبْلَهُمْ أَكْثَرُ  
 الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٧١﴾ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا فِيهِمْ مُنْذِرَيْنِ ﴿٧٢﴾  
 فَانْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُنْذِرَيْنِ ﴿٧٣﴾ إِلَّا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ  
 الْمُخْلَصِينَ ﴿٧٤﴾ وَلَقَدْ نَادَيْنَا نُوْحًا فَلَنِعْمَ الْبُحْبُورُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾  
 وَنَجَّيْنَاهُ وَأَهْلَهُ مِنَ الْكَرْبِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٧٦﴾ وَجَعَلْنَا

nor be punished 'like the others'?"  
 60. This is truly the ultimate triumph. 61. For such 'honour' all should strive.

#### *Hospitality for the People of Hell*

62. Is this 'bliss' a better accommodation or the tree of *Zaqqûm*?<sup>909</sup>

63. We have surely made it a test for the wrongdoers. 64. Indeed, it is a tree that grows in the depths of Hell, 65. bearing fruit like devils' heads. 66. The evildoers will certainly 'be left to' eat from it, filling up their bellies with it. 67. Then on top of that they will be given a blend of boiling drink. 68. Then they will ultimately return to 'their place in' Hell.

#### *Blind Following*

69. Indeed, they found their forefathers astray, 70. so they rushed in their footsteps! 71. And surely most of the earlier generations had strayed before them, 72. although We had certainly sent warners among them. 73. See then what was the end of those who had been warned. 74. But not the chosen servants of Allah.

#### *Prophet Noah*

75. Indeed, Noah cried out to Us, and how excellent are We in responding! 76. We delivered him and his family<sup>910</sup> from the great distress, 77. and made his descendants

909 The pagans of Mecca used to make fun of the Prophet (ﷺ) when he warned them of this tree. They asked, "How can a tree grow in Hell?" So Allah revealed this verse in response.

910 i.e., the believers in his family.

the sole survivors.<sup>911</sup> 78. And We blessed him 'with honourable mention' among later generations: 79. "Peace be upon Noah among all peoples." 80. Indeed, this is how We reward the good-doers. 81. 'For' he was truly one of Our faithful servants. 82. Then We drowned the others.

### Prophet Abraham

83. And indeed, one of those who followed his way was Abraham. 84. 'Remember' when he came to his Lord with a pure heart, 85. and said to his father and his people, "What are you worshipping? 86. Is it false gods that you desire instead of Allah? 87. What then do you expect from the Lord of all worlds?" 88. He later looked up to the stars 'in contemplation',<sup>912</sup> 89. then said, "I am really sick."<sup>913</sup> 90. So they turned their backs on him and went away. 91. Then he 'stealthily' advanced towards their gods, and said 'mockingly', "Will you not eat 'your offerings'? 92. What is wrong with you that you cannot speak?" 93. Then he swiftly turned on them, striking 'them' with his right hand. 94. Later, his people came rushing towards him 'furiously'. 95. He argued, "How can you worship what you carve 'with your own hands', 96. when it is Allah Who created you and whatever you do?" 97. They said 'to one another', "Build him a furnace and cast him into the blazing fire." 98. And so they sought to harm him, but We made them inferior.

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ذُرِّيَّتِهِ هُمُ الْبَاقِينَ ۖ وَتَرَكْنَا عَلَيْهِ فِي الْآخِرِينَ ۖ سَلَامٌ عَلَى نُوحٍ فِي الْعَالَمِينَ ۖ إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ۝  
إِنَّهُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝<sup>٨١</sup> ثُمَّ أَغْرَقْنَا الْآخَرِينَ ۖ وَإِنَّ مِنْ شِيعَتِهِ لَإِبْرَاهِيمَ ۖ إِذْ جَاءَ رَبَّهُ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ ۝<sup>٨٢</sup> إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ وَقَوْمِهِ مَاذَا تَعْبُدُونَ ۖ<sup>٨٣</sup> أَيفُكَا إِلَهَةً دُونَ اللَّهِ تَتَّبِعُونَ ۖ<sup>٨٤</sup> فَمَا ظَنُّكُمْ بِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۖ<sup>٨٥</sup> فَظَرَّ نَظْرَةً فِي النُّجُومِ ۖ<sup>٨٦</sup> فَقَالَ إِنِّي سَقِيمٌ ۖ<sup>٨٧</sup> فَتَوَلَّوْا عَنْهُ مُدْبِرِينَ ۖ<sup>٨٨</sup> فَرَاغَ إِلَىٰ إِلَهِهِمْ فَقَالَ آلَا تَأْكُلُونَ ۖ<sup>٨٩</sup> مَا لَكُمْ لَا تَنْطِقُونَ ۖ<sup>٩٠</sup> فَرَاغَ عَلَيْهِمْ ضَرْبًا بِالْيَمِينِ ۖ<sup>٩١</sup> فَأَقْبَلُوا إِلَيْهِ يَزْفُونَ ۖ<sup>٩٢</sup> قَالَ أَتَعْبُدُونَ مَا تَنْجِتُونَ ۖ<sup>٩٣</sup> وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ وَمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ۖ<sup>٩٤</sup> قَالُوا ابْنُوا لَهُ بُنْيَانًا فَأَلْقُوهُ فِي الْجَحِيمِ ۖ<sup>٩٥</sup> فَأَرَادُوا بِهِ كَيْدًا فَجَعَلْنَاهُمُ الْأَسْفَلِينَ ۖ<sup>٩٦</sup> وَقَالَ إِنِّي

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911 Noah's sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

912 His people reportedly made decisions based on constellations, so Abraham (ع) pretended to do the same to convince them he was not able to join them at their pagan feast.

913 See footnote for 26:82.

ذَاهِبْ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ سَيَهْدِيكَ ۚ رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنَ  
 الصَّالِحِينَ ۝ فَبَشِّرْنَاهُ بِعَلِيمٍ ۝ فَلَمَّا بَلَغَ مَعَهُ  
 السَّعْيَ قَالَ يَبْنَئُ إِنِّي أَرَىٰ فِي الْمَنَامِ أَنِّي أَذْبَحُكَ  
 فَانْظُرْ مَاذَا تَرَىٰ ۚ قَالَ يَآبَتِ افْعَلْ مَا تُؤْمَرُ  
 سَتَجِدُنِي إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّابِرِينَ ۝ فَلَمَّا أَسْلَمَا  
 وَتَلَّهُ لِلْجَبِينِ ۝ وَنَادَيْنَاهُ أَنْ يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ ۖ قَدْ  
 صَدَقْتَ الرَّءْيَا ۖ إِنَّا كَذَلِك نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ۝  
 إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْبَلَاءُ الْمُبِينُ ۝ وَفَدَيْنَاهُ بِذَبْحٍ  
 عَظِيمٍ ۝ وَتَرْكُنَا عَلَيْهِ فِي الْآخِرِينَ ۝ سَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ  
 إِبْرَاهِيمَ ۖ كَذَلِك نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ۝ إِنَّهُ مِنْ  
 عِبَادِنَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝ وَبَشِّرْنَاهُ بِإِسْحَاقَ نَبِيًّا مِنْ  
 الصَّالِحِينَ ۝ وَبَارَكْنَا عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَىٰ إِسْحَاقَ ۚ وَمِنْ  
 ذُرِّيَّتِهِمَا مُحْسِنٌ وَظَالِمٌ لِّنَفْسِهِ مُبِينٌ ۝ وَلَقَدْ مَدَنَّا

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99. He later said, "I am leaving 'in obedience' to my Lord. He will guide me. 100. My Lord! Bless me with righteous offspring." 101. So We gave him good news of a forbearing son. 102. Then when the boy reached the age to work with him, Abraham said, "O my dear son! I have seen in a dream that I 'must' sacrifice you. So tell me what you think." He replied, "O my dear father! Do as you are commanded. Allah willing, you will find me steadfast." 103. Then when they submitted 'to Allah's Will', and Abraham laid him on the side of his forehead 'for sacrifice', 104. We called out to him, "O Abraham! 105. You have already fulfilled the vision." Indeed, this is how We reward the good-doers. 106. That was truly a revealing test. 107. And We ransomed his son with a great sacrifice,<sup>914</sup> 108. and blessed Abraham 'with honourable mention' among later generations: 109. "Peace be upon Abraham." 110. This is how We reward the good-doers. 111. He was truly one of Our faithful servants. 112. We 'later' gave him good news of Isaac—a prophet, and one of the righteous.<sup>915</sup> 113. We blessed him<sup>916</sup> and Isaac as well. Some of their descendants did good, while others clearly wronged themselves.

914 Allah sent a ram to be sacrificed in place of Ishmael.

915 The birth of Isaac is announced after the story of sacrifice. So this is a proof that the son who was going to be sacrificed was Ishmael, not Isaac. This is also supported by 11:71, where Sarah is told that she would give birth to Isaac, who would (reach adulthood and) have a son by the name of Jacob.

916 Abraham or Ishmael.

*Prophet Moses and Prophet Aaron*

114. And We certainly showed favour to Moses and Aaron, 115. and delivered them and their people from the great distress. 116. We helped them so it was they who prevailed. 117. We gave them the clear Scripture, 118. and guided them to the Straight Path. 119. And We blessed them 'with honourable mention' among later generations: 120. "Peace be upon Moses and Aaron." 121. Indeed, this is how We reward the good-doers. 122. They were truly 'two' of Our faithful servants.

*Prophet Elias*

123. And Elias was indeed one of the messengers. 124. 'Remember' when he said to his people, "Will you not fear 'Allah'? 125. Do you call upon 'the idol of Ba'l and abandon the Best of Creators— 126. Allah, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers?" 127. But they rejected him, so they will certainly be brought 'for punishment'. 128. But not the chosen servants of Allah. 129. We blessed him 'with honourable mention' among later generations: 130. "Peace be upon Elias." 131. Indeed, this is how We reward the good-doers. 132. He was truly one of Our faithful servants.

*Prophet Lot*

133. And Lot was indeed one of the messengers. 134. 'Remember' when We delivered him and all of his family, 135. except an old woman,<sup>917</sup>

عَلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ وَهَارُونَ ۖ وَنَجَّيْنَاهُمَا وَقَوْمَهُمَا مِنَ  
الْكَرْبِ الْعَظِيمِ ۚ وَنَصَرْنَاهُمْ فَاكُنُوا هُمُ الْغَالِبِينَ ۚ  
وَاتَيْنَاهُمَا الْكِتَابَ الْمُسْتَبِينَ ۖ وَهَدَيْنَاهُمَا الصِّرَاطَ  
الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ۚ وَتَرَكْنَا عَلَيْهِمَا فِي الْآخِرِينَ ۖ سَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ  
مُوسَىٰ وَهَارُونَ ۚ إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ۚ  
إِنَّهُمْمَا مِنْ عِبَادِنَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۚ وَإِنَّ إِلْيَاسَ لَمِنْ  
الرُّسُلِينَ ۚ إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ آلَا تَتَّقُونَ ۚ أَتَدْعُونَ  
بَعْلًا وَتَذَرُونَ أَحْسَنَ الْخَالِقِينَ ۖ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ وَرَبُّ  
آبَائِكُمُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ۚ فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَنَّهُمْ لَمُحْضَرُونَ ۚ  
إِلَّا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ الْمُخْلَصِينَ ۚ وَتَرَكْنَا عَلَيْهِ فِي الْآخِرِينَ ۖ  
سَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ آلِ يَاسِينَ ۚ إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ۚ  
إِنَّهُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۚ وَإِنَّ لُوطًا لَّمِنْ  
الرُّسُلِينَ ۚ إِذْ نَجَّيْنَاهُ وَأَهْلَهُ أَجْمَعِينَ ۚ إِلَّا عَجُوزًا

فِي الْغَيْرِينَ

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<sup>917</sup> Lot's wife.



فِي الْغَابِرِينَ ﴿١٣٥﴾ ثُمَّ دَمَرْنَا الْآخَرِينَ ﴿١٣٦﴾ وَإِنَّكُمْ لَتَمُرُّونَ  
 عَلَيْهِمْ مُّصْبِحِينَ ﴿١٣٧﴾ وَبِالْإِيلَافِ لَتَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣٨﴾ وَإِنْ  
 يُؤْتَسَّرَ لِمَنِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿١٣٩﴾ إِذْ أَبَقَ إِلَى الْفُلْكِ الْمَشْحُونِ ﴿١٤٠﴾  
 فَسَاهَمَ فَكَانَ مِنَ الْمُدْحَضِينَ ﴿١٤١﴾ فَالْتَقَمَهُ الْحُوتُ  
 وَهُوَ مُلِيمٌ ﴿١٤٢﴾ فَلَوْلَا أَنَّهُ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُسَبِّحِينَ ﴿١٤٣﴾ لَكَبِتَ  
 فِي بَطْنِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿١٤٤﴾ فَنَبَذْنَاهُ بِالْعَرَاءِ وَهُوَ  
 سَقِيمٌ ﴿١٤٥﴾ وَأَتَيْنَا عَلَيْهِ شَجَرَةً مِّنْ يَقْطِينٍ ﴿١٤٦﴾  
 وَارْسَلْنَاهُ إِلَى مِائَةِ آلَافٍ أَوْ يَزِيدُونَ ﴿١٤٧﴾ فَآمَنُوا  
 فَمَتَّعْنَاهُمْ إِلَى حِينٍ ﴿١٤٨﴾ فَاسْتَفْتِهِمُ الرِّبَّكَ الْبَنَاتُ  
 وَلَهُمُ الْبَنُونَ ﴿١٤٩﴾ أَمْ خَلَقْنَا الْمَلَائِكَةَ إِنَاثًا وَهُمْ  
 شَاهِدُونَ ﴿١٥٠﴾ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ مِّنْ إِفْكِهِمْ لَيَقُولُونَ ﴿١٥١﴾  
 وَلَدَ اللَّهُ ۖ وَإِنَّهُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ ﴿١٥٢﴾ أَصْطَفَى الْبَنَاتِ عَلَى  
 الْبَنِينَ ﴿١٥٣﴾ مَا لَكُمْ تَفْكُفٌ تَحْكُمُونَ ﴿١٥٤﴾ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٥٥﴾

who was one of the doomed. 136. Then We 'utterly' destroyed the rest. 137. You 'Meccans' certainly pass by their ruins day 138. and night. Will you not then understand?

### Prophet Jonah

139. And Jonah was indeed one of the messengers. 140. 'Remember' when he fled to the overloaded ship. 141. Then 'to save it from sinking,' he drew straws 'with other passengers'. He lost 'and was thrown overboard'. 142. Then the whale swallowed him up while he was blameworthy.<sup>918</sup> 143. Had he not 'constantly' glorified 'Allah',<sup>919</sup> 144. he would have certainly remained in its belly until the Day of Resurrection.<sup>920</sup> 145. But We cast him onto the open 'shore', 'totally' worn out, 146. and caused a squash plant to grow over him.<sup>921</sup> 147. We 'later' sent him 'back' to 'his city of' at least one hundred thousand people, 148. who then believed 'in him', so We allowed them enjoyment for a while.

### Questions to Arab Pagans

149. Ask them 'O Prophet' if your Lord has daughters,<sup>922</sup> while the pagans 'prefer to' have sons. 150. Or 'ask them' if We created the angels as females right before their eyes. 151. Indeed, it is one of their 'outrageous' fabrications to say, 152. "Al-

lah has children." They are simply liars. 153. Has He chosen daughters over sons?<sup>923</sup> 154. What is the matter with you? How do you judge? 155. Will you not then be mindful?

918 For abandoning his city without Allah's permission.

919 Before being swallowed and while inside the whale (see 21:87). The lesson is: good deeds are of great help during difficult times.

920 The belly of the whale would have become his grave.

921 The squash plant provided Jonah with shade and repelled harmful insects.

922 Some pagan Arabs believed that the angels were Allah's daughters. Some of them were ashamed to have daughters and took pride in their own sons.

923 Both sexes are equal before Allah, so the verse questions pagan chauvinism.

156. Or do you have 'any' compelling proof? 157. Then bring 'us' your scripture, if what you say is true! 158. They have also established a 'marital' relationship between Him and the jinn. Yet the jinn 'themselves' know well that such people will certainly be brought 'for punishment'.<sup>924</sup> 159. Glorified is Allah far above what they claim! 160. But not the chosen servants of Allah. 161. Surely you 'pagans' and whatever 'idols' you worship 162. can never lure 'anyone' away from Him 163. except those 'destined' to burn in Hell.

#### Angels' Response

164. "The angels respond," "There is not one of us without an assigned station 'of worship'. 165. We are indeed the ones lined up in ranks 'for Allah'. 166. And we are indeed the ones 'constantly' glorifying 'His praise'."

#### The Pagans Before the Quran

167. They certainly used to say, 168. "If only we had a Reminder like 'those of' earlier peoples,"<sup>925</sup> 169. we would have truly been Allah's devoted servants." 170. But 'now' they reject it, so they will soon know.

#### Reassuring the Prophet

171. Our Word has already gone forth to Our servants, the messengers, 172. that they would surely be helped, 173. and that Our forces will certainly prevail. 174. So turn away from the deniers for a while 'O Prophet'. 175. You will see 'what will happen to' them, and they too will see! 176. Do they 'really' wish to hasten Our punishment? 177. Yet when it descends upon them:<sup>926</sup> how evil will that morning be for those who had been warned!

أَمْرَكُمْ سُلْطَانٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٥٦﴾ فَأَتُوا بِكِتَابِكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١٥٧﴾  
وَجَعَلُوا بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْجَنَّةِ نِسْبًا وَلَقَدْ عَلِمَتِ الْجِنَّةُ  
إِنَّهُمْ لَمُحْضَرُونَ ﴿١٥٨﴾ سُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُصِفُونَ ﴿١٥٩﴾ إِلَّا  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ الْخَاصِينَ ﴿١٦٠﴾ فَإِنَّكُمْ وَمَا تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿١٦١﴾ مَا أَنْتُمْ  
عَلَيْهِ بِفِتْنَيْنِ ﴿١٦٢﴾ إِلَّا مَنْ هُوَ صَالِ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿١٦٣﴾ وَمَا مَنَّا  
إِلَّا لَهُ مَقَامٌ مَّعْلُومٌ ﴿١٦٤﴾ وَإِنَّا لَنَحْنُ الصَّافُونَ ﴿١٦٥﴾ وَإِنَّا  
لَنَحْنُ الْمُسَبِّحُونَ ﴿١٦٦﴾ وَإِنْ كَانُوا لَيَقُولُونَ ﴿١٦٧﴾ لَوْ أَنَّ عِنْدَنَا  
ذِكْرًا مِّنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿١٦٨﴾ لَكُنَّا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ الْخَاصِينَ ﴿١٦٩﴾  
فَكْفَرُوا بِهِ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٧٠﴾ وَلَقَدْ سَبَقَتْ كَلِمَتُنَا  
لِعِبَادِنَا الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿١٧١﴾ إِنَّهُمْ لَهُمُ الْمَنْصُورُونَ ﴿١٧٢﴾ وَ  
إِنَّ جُنْدَنَا لَهُمُ الْغَالِبُونَ ﴿١٧٣﴾ فَتَوَلَّ عَنْهُمْ حَتَّى حِينٍ ﴿١٧٤﴾  
وَأَبْصِرْهُمْ فَسَوْفَ يُبْصَرُونَ ﴿١٧٥﴾ أَفَبِعَدَابِنَا يُسْتَعْجَلُونَ ﴿١٧٦﴾  
فَإِذَا نَزَلَ بِسَاحَتِهِمْ فَسَاءَ صَبَاحُ الْمُنْذَرِينَ ﴿١٧٧﴾ وَتَوَلَّى  
عَنْهُمْ حَتَّى

استباحت

عَنْهُمْ حَتَّى

مَنْزِلٌ

924 Or "Yet the jinn know well that they themselves will be brought 'for judgment'." This is based on the claim of some pagan Arabs that the angels are Allah's daughters through female jinn.

925 The "Reminder" mentioned here refers to Scriptures such as the Torah and the Gospel. It is commonly used in the Quran as another name for Islam's holy book.

926 lit., when it lands in their courtyards.

عَنْهُمْ حَتَّىٰ حِينٍ ﴿١٧٨﴾ وَأَبْصِرْ فَسَوْفَ يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿١٧٩﴾

178. And turn away from them for a while. 179. You will see, and they too will see!

### The Conclusion

180. Glorified is your Lord—the Lord of Honour and Power—above what they claim! 181. Peace be upon the messengers. 182. And praise be to Allah—Lord of all worlds.

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### 38. Sād (Sād)

In the Name of Allah—

the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### Arab Deniers

1. *Sād*. By the Quran, full of reminders! 2. 'This is the truth,' yet the disbelievers are 'entrenched' in arrogance and opposition. 3. 'Imagine' how many peoples We destroyed before them, and they cried out when it was too late to escape. 4. Now, the pagans are astonished that a warner has come to them from among themselves.<sup>927</sup> And the disbelievers say, "This is a magician, a total liar! 5. Has he reduced 'all' the gods to One God? Indeed, this is something totally astonishing."

### Chief Deniers

6. The chiefs among them went forth saying, "Carry on, and stand firm in devotion to your gods. Certainly this

سُبْحَنَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ ﴿١٨٠﴾ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿١٨١﴾ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٨٢﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾

ص وَالْقُرْآنِ ذِي الذِّكْرِ ﴿١﴾ بَلِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي عِزَّةٍ وَشِقَاقٍ ﴿٢﴾ كَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِنْ قَرْنٍ

فَنَادَوْا وَلَا تَرْحَمْنَاهُ ﴿٣﴾ وَعَجِبُوا أَنْ جَاءَهُمْ مُنْذِرٌ مِنْهُمْ ﴿٤﴾ وَقَالَ الْكَاذِبُونَ هَذَا سِحْرٌ كَذَّابٍ ﴿٥﴾

أَجْعَلِ الْآلِهَةَ إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا ۖ إِنَّ هَذَا لَشَيْءٌ عُجَابٌ ﴿٦﴾ وَانطَلَقَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْهُمْ أَنْ امْشُوا وَاصْبِرُوا عَلَىٰ آلِهَتِكُمْ ﴿٧﴾

إِنَّ هَذَا لَشَيْءٌ يُرَادُ ﴿٨﴾ مَا سَمِعْنَا بِهَذَا فِي الْمِلَّةِ الْآخِرَةِ ۖ إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَّا خُتْلَاقٌ ﴿٩﴾ أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِ الذِّكْرُ

مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْكَ

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is just a scheme 'for power'.<sup>928</sup> 7. We have never heard of this in the previous faith.<sup>929</sup> This is nothing but a fabrication. 8. Has the Reminder been revealed

<sup>927</sup> The pagans demanded an angel to deliver the message, not a human being like themselves.

<sup>928</sup> They meant that the Prophet (ﷺ) is not concerned with their guidance, and that he only wants to gain dominance over them.

<sup>929</sup> This refers either to the concept of the Trinity in Christianity or Arab polytheistic beliefs.



الْحِكْمَةَ وَفَصَلَ الْخِطَابِ ۝ وَهَلْ أَتَاكَ نَبُؤُا الْخَصْمِ إِذْ  
 تَسَوَّرُوا الْبَحْرَابَ ۝ إِذْ دَخَلُوا عَلَى دَاوُدَ فَفَزِعَ مِنْهُمْ قَالُوا  
 لَا تَخَفْ خَصْمَيْنِ بَغَى بَعْضُنَا عَلَى بَعْضٍ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَنَا  
 بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا تُشْطِطْ وَاهْدِنَا إِلَى سَوَاءِ الصِّرَاطِ ۝ إِنَّ  
 هَذَا أَخِي لَهُ تِسْعٌ وَتِسْعُونَ نَعْجَةً وَلِيَ نَعْجَةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ  
 فَقَالَ أَكْفِلْنِيهَا وَعَرَّنِي فِي الْخِطَابِ ۝ قَالَ لَقَدْ ظَلَمَكَ  
 بِسُؤَالِ نَعْجَتِكَ إِلَى نِعَاجِهِ ۝ وَإِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْخُلَطَاءِ  
 لِيَبْغِيَ بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا  
 الصَّالِحَاتِ وَقَلِيلٌ مَّا هُمْ ۝ وَظَنَّ دَاوُدُ أَنَّمَا فَتَتْهُ  
 فَاستَغْفَرَ رَبَّهُ وَخَرَّ رَاكِعًا وَأَنَابَ ۝ فَغَفَرْنَا لَهُ ذَلِكَ ۝  
 وَإِنَّ لَهُ عِنْدَنَا لَزُلْفَىٰ وَحُسْنَ مَّآبٍ ۝ يٰدَاوُدُ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَاكَ  
 خَلِيفَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَ النَّاسِ بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا تَتَّبِعِ  
 الْهَوَىٰ فَيُضِلَّكَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۝ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَضِلُّونَ

عَنْ سَبِيلِ

مَنْزِلٌ

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20. We strengthened his kingship, and gave him wisdom and sound judgment.

#### David and the Disputing Partners

21. Has the story of the two plaintiffs, who scaled the 'wall of David's' sanctuary, reached you 'O Prophet'? 22. When they came into David's presence, he was startled by them. They said, "Have no fear. 'We are merely' two in a dispute: one of us has wronged the other. So judge between us with truth—do not go beyond 'it'—and guide us to the right way. 23. This is my brother.<sup>934</sup> He has ninety-nine sheep while I have 'only' one. 'Still' he asked me to give it up to him, overwhelming me with 'his' argument." 24. David 'eventually' ruled, "He has definitely wronged you in demanding 'to add' your sheep to his. And certainly many partners wrong each other, except those who believe and do good—but how few are they!"

#### David Prays for Forgiveness<sup>935</sup>

Then David realized that We had tested him so he asked for his Lord's forgiveness, fell down in prostration, and turned 'to Him in repentance'. 25. So We forgave that for him. And he will indeed have 'a status of' closeness to Us and an honourable destination! 26. 'We instructed him:' "O David!

We have surely made you an authori-

ty in the land, so judge between people with truth. And do not follow 'your' desires or they will lead you astray from Allah's Way.

934 Brother in faith or business partner.

935 The verses do not offer a reason why David (ﷺ) asked for Allah's forgiveness. He either did so because he did not make himself available to judge between people or because he entertained some evil thoughts about the two men, thinking they actually came to assassinate him. Still he listened to both of them and made a fair judgment.

Surely those who go astray from Allah's Way will suffer a severe punishment for neglecting the Day of Reckoning."

#### Allah Is Just

27. We have not created the heavens and earth and everything in between without purpose—as the disbelievers think. So woe to the disbelievers because of the Fire! 28. Or should We treat those who believe and do good like those who make mischief throughout the land? Or should We treat the righteous like the wicked?

#### The Purpose of the Quran

29. 'This is' a blessed Book which We have revealed to you 'O Prophet' so that they may contemplate its verses, and people of reason may be mindful.

#### Solomon's Love for Fine Horses

30. And We blessed David with Solomon—what an excellent servant 'he was'! Indeed, he 'constantly' turned 'to Allah'. 31. 'Remember' when the well-trained, swift horses were paraded before him in the evening. 32. He then proclaimed, "I am truly in love with 'these' fine things out of remembrance for Allah," until they went out of sight. 33. 'He ordered,' "Bring them back to me!" Then he began to rub down their legs and necks.<sup>936</sup>

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عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ بِمَا نَسُوا يَوْمَ  
الْحِسَابِ ۝ وَمَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَاءَ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا  
بِاطِلًا ۚ ذَٰلِكَ ظَنُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۖ فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
مِنَ النَّارِ ۝ أَمْ نَجْعَلُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
كَالْفُوسِدِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ أَمْ نَجْعَلُ الْمُتَّقِينَ كَالْفُجَّارِ ۝  
كِتَبٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَارَكٌ لِيَدَّبَّرُوا آيَاتِهِ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُو  
الْأَلْبَابِ ۝ وَوَهَبْنَا لِذَاوُدَ سُلَيْمَانَ ۖ نِعْمَ الْعَبْدُ ۚ إِنَّهُ  
أَوَّابٌ ۝ إِذْ عَرَضَ عَلَيْهِ بِالْعَشِيِّ الصُّفُوفُ الْجِيَادُ ۝  
فَقَالَ إِنِّي أَحْبَبْتُ حُبَّ الْخَيْرِ عَنْ ذِكْرِ رَبِّي ۖ حَتَّى  
تَوَارَتْ بِالْحِجَابِ ۝ رَدُّوْهَا عَلَيَّ ۖ فَطَفِقَ مَسْحًا بِالسُّوقِ  
وَالْأَعْنَاقِ ۝ وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا سُلَيْمَانَ وَأَلْقَيْنَا عَلَى كُرْسِيِّهِ  
جَسَدًا أَشْمًا ۖ أَنَابَ ۝ قَالَ رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَهَبْ لِي مُلْكًا  
لَا يَنْبَغِي لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ بَعْدِي ۖ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ ۝ فَسَخَّرْنَا

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34. And indeed, We tested Solomon, placing a 'deformed' body on his throne,<sup>937</sup> then he turned 'to Allah in repentance'. 35. He prayed, "My Lord! Forgive me, and grant me an authority that will never be matched by anyone after me. You are indeed the Giver 'of all bounties'." 36. So We subjected to him the wind,

936 Some commentators have a different interpretation, which is not supported by reliable sources. They maintain that Solomon kept watching these fine horses until the sun set, then he realized that he had missed the noon prayer because of his love for horses, so he killed them, striking at their legs and necks.

937 It is reported in a *hadith* collected by Bukhâri that one night Solomon said that each of his wives would conceive a boy who would struggle in Allah's cause. He forgot to say 'Allah willing,' so only one of them gave birth to a deformed, dead baby. So Solomon prayed to Allah for forgiveness.

لَهُ الرِّيحُ تَجْرِي بِأَمْرِهِ رُخَاءً حَيْثُ أَصَابَ ۝ وَالشَّيَاطِينُ  
 كُلٌّ بِنَاءٍ وَعَوَاصٍ ۝ وَآخَرِينَ مُقَرَّبِينَ فِي الْأَصْفَادِ ۝  
 هَذَا عَطَاؤُنَا فَامْنُنْ أَوْ أَمْسِكْ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ۝ وَإِنَّ  
 لَهُ عِنْدَنَا لَازْفَىٰ وَحُسْنَ مَآبٍ ۝ وَادْكُرْ عَبْدَنَا أَيُّوبَ ۝  
 إِذْ نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُ أَنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الشَّيْطَانُ بِنُصْبٍ وَعَذَابٍ ۝  
 ارْكُضْ بِرِجْلِكَ ۚ هَذَا مُغْتَسَلٌ بَارِدٌ وَشَرَابٌ ۝ وَ  
 وَهَبْنَا لَهُ أَهْلَهُ وَمِثْلَهُمْ مَعَهُمْ رَحْمَةً مِنَّا وَذِكْرَىٰ  
 لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ۝ وَخَذْ بِيَدِكَ ضَعْفًا فَاصْرَبْ بِهِ ۝  
 وَلَا تَحْنُطْ ۚ إِنَّا وَجَدْنَاهُ صَابِرًا ۚ نِعْمَ الْعَبْدُ ۚ إِنَّهُ  
 أَوَّابٌ ۝ وَادْكُرْ عَبْدَنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ ۝ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ أُولَى  
 الْأَيْدِي وَالْأَبْصَارِ ۝ إِنَّا أَخْلَصْنَاهُمْ بِخَالِصَةٍ ذِكْرَى  
 الدَّارِ ۝ وَإِنَّهُمْ عِنْدَنَا لَمِنَ الْمُصْطَفَيْنَ الْأَخْيَارِ ۝  
 وَادْكُرْ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَالْيَسَعَ وَذَا الْكِفْلِ ۝ وَكُلٌّ مِّنَ الْأَخْيَارِ ۝

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blowing gently at his command to wherever he pleased. 37. And 'We subjected to him' every builder and diver<sup>938</sup> of the jinn, 38. and others bound together in chains. 39. 'Allah said,' "This is Our gift, so give or withhold 'as you wish', never to be called to account." 40. And he will indeed have 'a status of' closeness to Us and an honourable destination!

#### Prophet Job

41. And remember Our servant Job, when he cried out to his Lord, "Satan has afflicted me with distress and suffering." 42. 'We responded,' "Stomp your foot: 'now' here is a cool 'and refreshing' spring for washing and drinking." 43. And We gave him back his family, twice as many, as a mercy from Us and a lesson for people of reason. 44. 'And We said to him,' "Take in your hand a bundle of grass, and strike 'your wife' with it, and do not break your oath."<sup>939</sup> We truly found him patient. What an excellent servant 'he was'! Indeed, he 'constantly' turned 'to Allah'.

#### Other Mighty Prophets

45. And remember Our servants: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the men of strength and insight. 46. We truly chose them for the honour of proclaiming the Hereafter. 47. And in Our sight they are truly among the chosen and the finest.

48. Also remember Ishmael, Elisha, and Zul-Kifl.<sup>940</sup> All are among the best.

938 The jinn dived to bring him pearls.

939 Job was afflicted with losing his children, community, and with a long illness. Only his wife stayed with him. He once became angry with his wife and vowed to give her one hundred lashes if he recovered. When Job's affliction was lifted, he became remorseful at what he had said. To help Job fulfil his vow without harming his wife, Allah ordered him to strike her with a bundle of one hundred blades of grass.

940 Scholars are in disagreement as to whether Zul-Kifl was a prophet or just a righteous man. Those who maintain that he was a prophet identify him with various Biblical prophets such as Ezekiel, Isaiah, and Obadiah.

### Reward of the Righteous

49. This is 'all' a reminder. And the righteous will certainly have an honourable destination: 50. the Gardens of Eternity, whose gates will be open for them. 51. There they will recline, calling for abundant fruit and drink. 52. And with them will be maidens of modest gaze and equal age. 53. This is what you are promised for the Day of Reckoning. 54. This is indeed Our provision that will never end.

### Reward of the Wicked

55. That is that. And the transgressors will certainly have the worst destination: 56. Hell, where they will burn. What an evil place to rest! 57. Let them then taste this: boiling water and 'oozing' pus, 58. and other torments of the same sort!

### Disputes of the Wicked

59. 'The misleaders will say to one another,' "Here is a crowd 'of followers' being thrown in with us. They are not welcome, 'for' they 'too' will burn in the Fire."<sup>941</sup> 60. The followers will respond, "No! You are not welcome! You brought this upon us. What an evil place for settlement!" 61. Adding, "Our Lord! Whoever brought this upon us, double their punishment in the Fire." 62. The tyrants will ask 'one another', "But why do we not see those we considered to be lowly? 63. Were we wrong in mocking them 'in the world'?"<sup>942</sup> Or do our eyes 'just' fail to see them 'in the Fire'?" 64. This dispute between the residents of the Fire

هَذَا ذِكْرٌ وَإِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ لَحُسْنَ مَآبٍ ۖ جَنَّتٍ  
عَدْنٍ مَّفْتَحَةٌ لَهُمْ ۖ الْأَبْوَابُ ۖ مُتَكِينِينَ فِيهَا يَدْعُونَ  
فِيهَا بِفَاكِهَةٍ كَثِيرَةٍ وَشَرَابٍ ۖ وَعِنْدَهُمْ قَصِيرَاتُ  
الطَّرْفِ ۖ أَتْرَابٌ ۖ هَذَا مَا تُوْعَدُونَ ۖ لِيَوْمِ الْحِسَابِ ۖ إِنَّ  
هَذَا لَرِزْقُنَا مَا لَهُ مِنْ تَفَادٍ ۖ هَذَا ۖ وَإِنَّ لِلطَّاغِينَ  
لَشَرَّ مَآبٍ ۖ جَهَنَّمَ يَصْلَوْنَهَا ۖ فَيَسْأَلُونَ لَهَا ۖ هَذَا  
فَلْيَدْ وَفَوْهُ حَمِيمٌ ۖ وَغَسَاقٌ ۖ وَآخِرُ مِنْ شَكْلِهِ أَزْوَاجٌ ۖ  
هَذَا فَوْجٌ مُقْتَحِمٌ مَعَكُمْ ۖ لَا مَرْحَبًا بِهِمْ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ صَالُوا  
النَّارِ ۖ قَالُوا بَلْ أَنْتُمْ لَمَرْحَبًا بِكُمْ ۖ أَنْتُمْ قَدْ ثَبَّوْهُ  
لَنَا ۖ فَيَسْأَلُ الْقَرَارُ ۖ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا مَنْ قَدَّمَ لَنَا هَذَا  
فَزِدْهُ عَذَابًا ضِعْفًا فِي النَّارِ ۖ قَالُوا مَا لَنَا لَا نَرَى  
رِجَالًا كُنَّا نَعُدُّهُمْ مِّنَ الْأَشْرَارِ ۖ أَتَّخَذْتُمُ سَخَرِيًّا  
أَمْ رَأَيْتُمُ الْآبْصَارَ ۖ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ لَحَقٌّ تَخَاصُمُ

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941 Meaning, they are not welcome since their presence in Hell with us will not benefit us in anyway.

942 In other words, did we underestimate them?



will certainly come to pass.

### The Messenger and His Message

65. Say, 'O Prophet,' "I am only a warner. And there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Allah—the One, the Supreme. 66. 'He is the' Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything in between—the Almighty, Most Forgiving." 67. Say, "This 'Quran' is momentous news, 68. from which you 'pagans' are turning away." 69. 'And say,' "I had no knowledge of the highest assembly 'in heaven' when they differed 'concerning Adam'." 70. What is revealed to me is that I am only sent with a clear warning."

### Satan's Arrogance

71. 'Remember, O Prophet' when your Lord said to the angels, "I am going to create a human being from clay. 72. So when I have fashioned him and had a spirit of My Own 'creation' breathed into him, fall down in prostration to him." 73. So the angels prostrated all together— 74. but not *Iblis*,<sup>944</sup> who acted arrogantly,<sup>945</sup> becoming unfaithful. 75. Allah asked, "O *Iblis*! What prevented you from prostrating to what I created with My Own Hands? Did you 'just' become proud? Or have you always been arrogant? 76. He replied, "I am better than he is: You created me from fire

أَهْلِ النَّارِ ۖ قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا مُنذِرٌ ۖ وَمَا مِن إِلَهٍ إِلَّا  
 اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ ۚ رَبُّ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا  
 بَيْنَهُمَا الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفَّارُ ۖ قُلْ هُوَنبِوَا عَظِيمٌ ۖ أَنْتُمْ عَنْهُ  
 مُعْرِضُونَ ۖ مَا كَانَ لِي مِن عِلْمٍ بِالْمَلَأِ الْأَعْلَىٰ إِذْ  
 يَخْتَصِمُونَ ۖ إِنَّ يَوْمِي إِلَىٰ إِلَّا أَنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ  
 مُّبِينٌ ۖ إِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَأِ إِنِّي خَالِقُ بَشَرًا مِّنْ  
 طِينٍ ۖ فَإِذَا سَوَّيْتُهُ وَنَفَخْتُ فِيهِ مِن رُّوحِي فَقَعُوا  
 لَهُ سَاجِدِينَ ۖ فَسَجَدَ الْمَلَأِ كُلُّهُمِ اجْمَعُونَ ۖ إِلَّا  
 إِبْلِيسَ ۖ اسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ ۖ قَالَ يَا إِبْلِيسُ  
 مَا مَنَعَكَ أَنْ تَسْجُدَ لِمَا خَلَقْتُ بِإِيْدِي ۖ اسْتَكْبَرْتَ  
 أَمْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الْعَالِينَ ۖ قَالَ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِن  
 نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِن طِينٍ ۖ قَالَ فَاخْرُجْ مِنْهَا فَاتَّكَ  
 رَجِيمٌ ۖ وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكَ لَعْنَتِي إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ۖ

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and him from clay." 77. Allah commanded, "Then get out of Paradise, for you are truly cursed. 78. And surely upon you is My condemnation until the Day of Judgment."

943 When the angels obeyed Allah's orders to prostrate before Adam, whereas Satan refused to comply.

944 See footnote for 2:34.

945 The command to bow down was a test of obedience. Satan arrogantly refused to comply because he believed he was superior to Adam (عنه).

79. Satan appealed, "My Lord! Then delay my end until the Day of their resurrection." 80. Allah said, "You will be delayed 81. until the appointed Day." 82. Satan said, "By Your Glory! I will certainly mislead them all, 83. except Your chosen servants among them." 84. Allah concluded, "The truth is—and I 'only' say the truth—: 85. I will surely fill up Hell with you and whoever follows you from among them, all together."

#### Message to the Deniers

86. Say, "O Prophet," "I do not ask you for any reward for this 'Quran', nor do I pretend to be someone I am not. 87. It is only a reminder to the whole world. 88. And you will certainly know its truth before long."



#### 39. The 'Successive' Groups (Az-Zumar)

In the Name of Allah—

the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Worship Allah Alone

1. The revelation of this Book is from Allah—the Almighty, All-Wise. 2. Indeed, We have sent down the Book to you "O Prophet" in truth, so worship Allah 'alone', being sincerely devoted to Him. 3. Indeed, sincere devotion is due 'only' to Allah. As for those who take other lords besides Him, 'saying,' "We worship them only so they may bring us closer to Allah,"

قَالَ رَبِّ فَأَنْظِرْنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ قَالَ فَإِنَّكَ  
مِنَ الْمُنْظَرِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْوَقْتِ الْمَعْلُومِ ﴿٥١﴾ قَالَ  
فَبِعِزَّتِكَ لَأُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾ إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمْ  
الْمُخْلِصِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾ قَالَ فَالْحَقُّ وَالْحَقُّ أَقُولُ ﴿٥٤﴾ لَأَمْلَأَنَّ  
جَهَنَّمَ مِنْكَ وَمِمَّنْ تَبِعَكَ مِنْهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾ قُلْ مَا  
أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُتَكَلِّفِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾ إِنَّ  
هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَلِتَعْلَمِنَّ نَبْأَهُ بَعْدَ حِينٍ ﴿٥٨﴾

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﴿آيَاتُهَا ٢٥﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الزُّمَرِ مَكِّيَّةٌ﴾ ﴿٢٩﴾ ﴿كُتِبَتْهَا ٨﴾  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾  
تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿٢﴾ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ  
إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ فَاعْبُدِ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ ﴿٣﴾  
أَلَا لِلَّهِ الدِّينُ الْخَالِصُ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ  
دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ مَا نَعْبُدُهُمْ إِلَّا لِيُقَرِّبُونَا إِلَى اللَّهِ زُلْفَى ۖ

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إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ فِي مَا هُمْ فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ۚ  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي مَنْ هُوَ كَاذِبٌ كَفَّارٌ ۝<sup>٩٤٦</sup> لَوْ أَرَادَ  
 اللَّهُ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ وَلَدًا لَأَصْطَفَىٰ مِمَّا يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ ۚ  
 سُبْحَنَهُ ۚ هُوَ اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ ۝<sup>٩٤٧</sup> خَلَقَ السَّمُوتَ  
 وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ ۚ يَكْوَرُ اللَّيْلُ عَلَى النَّهَارِ وَيُكَوِّرُ  
 النَّهَارَ عَلَى اللَّيْلِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ ۚ كُلٌّ  
 يَجْرِي لِإِجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ۚ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفَّارُ ۝<sup>٩٤٨</sup> خَلَقَكُمْ  
 مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَانزَلَ  
 لَكُمْ مِّنَ الْأَنْعَامِ ثَمَنِيَّةَ أَزْوَاجٍ ۚ يَخْلُقُكُمْ فِي بُطُونِ  
 أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ خَلْقًا مِّنْ بَعْدِ خَلْقٍ فِي ظُلُمَاتٍ ثَلَاثٍ ۚ  
 ذَلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ فَآتَىٰ  
 تَصْرَفُونَ ۝<sup>٩٤٩</sup> إِنْ تَكْفُرُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ عَنْكُمْ ۖ  
 وَلَا يَرْضَىٰ لِعِبَادِهِ الْكُفْرَ ۚ وَإِنْ تَشْكُرُوا يَرْضَهُ لَكُمْ ۚ

surely Allah will judge between all<sup>946</sup> regarding what they differed about. Allah certainly does not guide whoever persists in lying and disbelief.

#### *Allah's Power of Creation*

4. Had it been Allah's Will to have offspring, He could have chosen whatever He willed of His creation. Glory be to Him! He is Allah—the One, the Supreme. 5. He created the heavens and the earth for a purpose. He wraps the night around the day, and wraps the day around the night. And He has subjected the sun and the moon, each orbiting for an appointed term. He is truly the Almighty, Most Forgiving. 6. He created you 'all' from a single soul,<sup>947</sup> then from it He made its mate.<sup>948</sup> And He produced for you four pairs of cattle.<sup>949</sup> He creates you in the wombs of your mothers 'in stages', one development after another, in three layers of darkness.<sup>950</sup> That is Allah—your Lord! All authority belongs to Him. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. How can you then be turned away?

#### *Belief and Disbelief*

7. If you disbelieve, then 'know that' Allah is truly not in need of you, nor does He approve of disbelief from His servants.

946 Those who are devoted to Allah alone and those who associate other gods with Him.

947 i.e., Adam (آدم).

948 i.e., Eve.

949 The four pairs (males and females), as listed in 6:143-144, are: a pair of sheep, a pair of goats, a pair of camels, and a pair of oxen.

950 The three layers of darkness are: the belly, the womb, and the amniotic sac.

But if you become grateful 'through faith', He will appreciate that from you. No soul burdened with sin will bear the burden of another. Then to your Lord is your return, and He will inform you of what you used to do. He certainly knows best what is 'hidden' in the heart.

#### Disbelievers' Ingratitude

8. When one is touched with hardship, they cry out to their Lord, turning to Him 'alone'. But as soon as He showers them with blessings from Him, they 'totally' forget the One they had cried to earlier, and set up equals to Allah to mislead 'others' from His Way. Say, 'O Prophet, "Enjoy your disbelief for a little while! You will certainly be one of the inmates of the Fire."' 9. 'Are they better' or those who worship 'their Lord' devoutly in the hours of the night, prostrating and standing, fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the mercy of their Lord? Say, 'O Prophet, "Are those who know equal to those who do not know?" None will be mindful 'of this' except people of reason.

#### Orders to the Prophet

10. Say 'O Prophet, that Allah says', 'O My servants who believe! Be mindful of your Lord. Those who do good in this world will have a good reward. And Allah's earth is spacious.

Only those who endure patiently will be given their reward without limit."

وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ ۖ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُم  
مَّرْجِعُكُمْ فَيُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ۚ إِنَّهُ  
عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ۝ وَإِذَا مَسَّ الْإِنْسَانَ ضَرٌّ  
دَعَا رَبَّهُ مُنِيبًا إِلَيْهِ ثُمَّ إِذَا خَوَّلَهُ نِعْمَةً مِّنْهُ  
نَسَىٰ مَا كَانَ يَدْعُوًّا إِلَيْهِ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَجَعَلَ لِلَّهِ  
أُتَدًا ۖ لَّيُضِلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ۚ قُلْ تَمَتَّعْ بِكُفْرِكَ  
قَلِيلًا ۖ إِنَّكَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ النَّارِ ۝ أَمَنْ هُوَ قَانِتٌ  
أَنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا وَقَائِمًا يَحْذَرُ الْآخِرَةَ وَيَرْجُوا  
رَحْمَةَ رَبِّهِ ۚ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ  
وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۚ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ۝  
قُلْ يُعْبَادُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ ۚ لِلَّذِينَ  
أَحْسَنُوا فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ ۚ وَأَرْضُ اللَّهِ  
وَاسِعَةٌ ۚ إِنَّمَا يُوَفَّى الصَّابِرُونَ أَجْرَهُمْ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ۝

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قُلْ إِنِّي أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ  
 الدِّينَ ۖ وَأُمِرْتُ لِأَنْ أَكُونَ أَوَّلَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١١﴾  
 قُلْ إِنِّي أَخَافُ إِنْ عَصَيْتُ رَبِّي عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ  
 عَظِيمٍ ﴿١٢﴾ قُلِ اللَّهُ أَعْبَدُ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ دِينِي ﴿١٣﴾  
 فَأَعْبُدُوا مَا شِئْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ ۖ قُلْ إِنَّ الْخَاسِرِينَ  
 الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَهْلِيَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۖ  
 أَلَا ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿١٤﴾ لَهُمْ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ  
 ظُلُلٌ مِّنَ النَّارِ وَمِنْ تَحْتِهِمْ ظُلُلٌ ۖ ذَلِكَ يُخَوِّفُ  
 اللَّهَ بِهِ عِبَادَهُ ۖ يَعْبَادُ فَاتَّقُونِ ﴿١٥﴾ وَالَّذِينَ  
 اجْتَنَبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ أَنْ يَعْبُدُوهَا وَأَنَابُوا إِلَى  
 اللَّهِ لَهُمُ الْبُشْرَى ۖ فَبَشِّرْ عِبَادِ ﴿١٦﴾ الَّذِينَ  
 يَسْتَمِعُونَ الْقَوْلَ فَيَتَّبِعُونَ أَحْسَنَهُ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ  
 الَّذِينَ هَدَاهُمُ اللَّهُ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ أُولُوا الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٧﴾

11. Say, "I am commanded to worship Allah, being sincerely devoted to Him 'alone'. 12. And I am commanded to be the first of those who submit 'to His Will'." 13. Say, "I truly fear—if I were to disobey my Lord—the torment of a tremendous Day." 14. Say, "It is 'only' Allah that I worship, being sincere in my devotion to Him. 15. Worship then whatever 'gods' you want instead of Him." Say, "The 'true' losers are those who will lose themselves and their families on Judgment Day. That is indeed the clearest loss." 16. They will have layers of fire above and below them. That is what Allah warns His servants with. So fear Me, O My servants!

#### *The Faithful and the Unfaithful*

17. And those who shun the worship of false gods, turning to Allah 'alone', will have good news. So give good news to My servants 'O Prophet'— 18. those who listen to what is said and follow the best of it.<sup>951</sup> These are the ones 'rightly' guided by Allah, and these are 'truly' the people of reason.

951 This verse can apply to anything that a person listens to, and it can also apply specifically to the Quran—meaning, for example, those who read verses about retaliation and other verses about forgiveness. then they opt for forgiveness.

19. What about those against whom the decree of torment has been justified? Is it you 'O Prophet' who will then save those bound for the Fire?
20. But those mindful of their Lord will have 'elevated' mansions, built one above the other, under which rivers flow. 'That is' the promise of Allah. 'And' Allah never fails in 'His' promise.

#### Parable for This Fleeting Life

21. Do you not see that Allah sends down rain from the sky—channeling it through streams in the earth—then produces with it crops of various colours, then they dry up and you see them wither, and then He reduces them to chaff? Surely in this is a reminder for people of reason.

#### The Believers and the Disbelievers

22. Can 'the misguided be like' those whose hearts Allah has opened to Islam, so they are enlightened by their Lord? So woe to those whose hearts are hardened at the remembrance of Allah! It is they who are clearly astray.

#### Excellence of the Quran

23. 'It is' Allah 'Who' has sent down the best message—a Book of perfect consistency and repeated lessons—which causes the skin 'and hearts' of those who fear their Lord to tremble, then their skin and hearts soften at the mention of 'the mercy of' Allah. That is the guidance of Allah, through which He guides whoever He wills.

أَفَمَنْ حَقَّ عَلَيْهِ كَلِمَةُ الْعَذَابِ أَفَأَنْتَ تُنْقِذُ  
مَنْ فِي النَّارِ ۚ لَكِنَّ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ لَهُمْ غُرَفٌ  
مِّنْ فَوْقِهَا غُرَفٌ مَّبْنِيَّةٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ  
وَعَدَ اللَّهُ ۚ لَا يُخْلِفُ اللَّهُ الْمِيعَادَ ۚ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ  
أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَسَلَكَهُ يَنَابِيعٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
ثُمَّ يُخْرِجُ بِهِ زَرْعًا مُّخْتَلِفًا أَلْوَانُهُ ثُمَّ يَهِيجُ فَتَرَاهُ  
مُصْفَرًّا ثُمَّ يَجْعَلُهُ حُطَامًا ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِكْرًا  
لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ۚ أَفَمَنْ شَرَحَ اللَّهُ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ  
فَهُوَ عَلَى نُورٍ مِّنْ رَبِّهِ ۚ فَوَيْلٌ لِلْقَاسِيَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ  
مِّنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ۚ اللَّهُ نَزَّلَ  
أَحْسَنَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابًا مُّتَشَابِهًا مَّثَانِيَ ۚ تَقْشَعِرُّ مِنْهُ  
جُلُودُ الَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ ۚ ثُمَّ تَلِينُ جُلُودُهُمْ  
وَقُلُوبُهُمْ إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۚ ذَلِكَ هُدَى اللَّهِ يَهْدِي بِهِ

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مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۖ وَمَنْ يُضْلِلِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ هَادٍ ۖ  
 أَفَمَنْ يَتَّقِي بِوَجْهِهِ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۖ  
 وَقِيلَ لِلظَّالِمِينَ ذُوقُوا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْسِبُونَ ۖ كَذَّبَ  
 الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَاتَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا  
 يَشْعُرُونَ ۖ فَآذَقْنَاهُمْ اللَّهُ الْخِزْيَ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا  
 وَلَعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةِ أَكْبَرُ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ۖ وَلَقَدْ  
 ضَرَبْنَا لِلنَّاسِ فِي هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَثَلٍ  
 لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ۖ قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا غَيْرَ ذِي  
 عِوَجٍ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ ۖ ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا رَجُلًا  
 فِيهِ شُرَكَاءُ مُتَشَكِّسُونَ وَرَجُلًا سَلَمًا لِرَجُلٍ ۖ  
 هَلْ يَسْتَوِينَ مَثَلًا ۖ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ۖ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ  
 لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۖ إِنَّكَ مَيِّتٌ وَإِنَّهُمْ مَيِّتُونَ ۖ ثُمَّ  
 إِنَّكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ عِنْدَ رَبِّكُمْ تَخْتَصِمُونَ ۖ

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But whoever Allah leaves to stray will be left with no guide. 24. Are those who will only have their "bare" faces to shield themselves from the awful torment on Judgment Day "better than those in Paradise"? It will "then" be said to the wrongdoers: "Reap what you sowed!"

#### Rejection Leads to Punishment

25. Those before them 'also' rejected 'the truth', then the torment came upon them from where they least expected. 26. So Allah made them taste humiliation in this worldly life, but far worse is the punishment of the Hereafter, if only they knew.

#### Perfection of the Quran

27. We have certainly set forth every 'kind of' lesson for people in this Quran, so perhaps they will be mindful. 28. 'It is' a Quran 'revealed' in Arabic without any crookedness, so perhaps they will be conscious 'of Allah'.

#### Parable for a Polytheist and a Monotheist

29. Allah sets forth the parable of a slave owned by several quarrelsome masters, and a slave owned by only one master. Are they equal in condition?<sup>952</sup> Praise be to Allah! In fact, most of them do not know.

#### All Will Die

30. You "O Prophet" will certainly

die, and they will die too. 31. Then on the Day of Judgment you will "all

<sup>952</sup> The slave owned by several quarrelsome masters will always be confused because their masters will always give them conflicting orders—similarly, one who worships multiple gods will never find peace between them. This parable is a logical argument against the existence of multiple gods, since each god would try to covet what it created. See 23:91 for a similar argument.

settle your dispute before your Lord.

### Reward of the Believers and Disbelievers

32. Who then does more wrong than those who lie about Allah and reject the truth after it has reached them? Is Hell not a 'fitting' home for the disbelievers? 33. And the one who has brought the truth and those who embrace it—it is they who are the righteous. 34. They will have whatever they desire with their Lord. That is the reward of the good-doers. 35. As such, Allah will absolve them of 'even' the worst of what they did and reward them according to the best of what they used to do.

### Allah Protects His Messenger

36. Is Allah not sufficient for His servant? Yet they threaten you with other 'powerless' gods besides Him! Whoever Allah leaves to stray will be left with no guide. 37. And whoever Allah guides, none can lead astray. Is Allah not Almighty, capable of punishment?

### Almighty Allah or Powerless Allahs

38. If you ask them "O Prophet" who created the heavens and the earth, they will certainly say, "Allah!" Ask 'them', "Consider then whatever 'idols' you invoke besides Allah: if it was Allah's Will to harm me, could they undo that harm? Or if He willed 'some' mercy for me, could they withhold His mercy?" Say, "Allah is sufficient for me. In Him 'alone' the faithful put their trust."

الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَالَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُم

فَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَذَبَ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَذَبَ بِالْصِّدْقِ إِذْ جَاءَهُ ۗ أَلَيْسَ فِي جَهَنَّمَ مَثْوًى لِّلْكَافِرِينَ ۚ وَالَّذِي جَاءَ بِالْصِّدْقِ وَصَدَّقَ بِهِ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ ۝ لَّهُمْ مَا يَشَاءُونَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ جَزَاُ الْبِحْسَنِ ۖ لِيُكَفِّرَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ أَسْوَأَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا وَيَجْزِيَهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ الَّذِي كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ۝ أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ ۖ وَيُخَوِّفُونَكَ بِالَّذِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِ ۚ وَمَنْ يُضِلِلِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ هَادٍ ۖ وَمَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ مُضِلٍّ ۚ أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِعَزِيزٍ ذِي انْتِقَامٍ ۝ وَلَٰئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ ۚ قُلْ أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ أَرَادَنِيَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ هَلْ هُنَّ كَاشِفَاتُ ضُرِّي أَوْ أَرَادَنِي بِرَحْمَةٍ هَلْ هُنَّ مُمْسِكَتُ رَحْمَتِي ۚ قُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ يَتَوَكَّلُ الْمُتَوَكِّلُونَ ۝ قُلْ يَقَوْمُ

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اعْمَلُوا عَلَىٰ مَكَانَتِكُمْ إِنِّي عَامِلٌ ۖ فَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ ۚ مَنْ  
يَأْتِيهِ عَذَابٌ يُخْزِيهِ وَيَحِلُّ عَلَيْهِ عَذَابٌ مُّقِيمٌ ۚ إِنَّا  
أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ لِلنَّاسِ بِالْحَقِّ ۚ فَمَنِ اهْتَدَىٰ  
فَلَِنَفْسِهِ ۚ وَمَنْ ضَلَّ فَإِنَّمَا يَضِلُّ عَلَيْهِ ۚ وَمَا أَنْتَ  
عَلَيْهِمْ بِوَكِيلٍ ۚ ۞ اللَّهُ يَتَوَفَّى الْأَنفُسَ حِينَ مَوْتِهَا  
وَالَّتِي لَمْ تَمُتْ فِي مَنَامِهَا ۚ فِيمَسِكُ الَّتِي قَضَىٰ عَلَيْهَا  
الْمَوْتَ وَيُرْسِلُ الْأُخْرَىٰ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ  
لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ۚ ۞ أَمْ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ  
شُفْعَاءَ ۚ قُلْ أُولَٰئِكَ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَعْقِلُونَ ۚ ۞  
قُلْ لِلَّهِ الشَّفَاعَةُ جَمِيعًا ۚ لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
ثُمَّ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ۚ ۞ وَإِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ اشْمَأَزَّتْ  
قُلُوبُ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ ۚ وَإِذَا ذُكِرَ الَّذِينَ  
مِنْ دُونِهِ إِذَا هُمْ يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ ۚ ۞ قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ فَاطِرَ السَّمٰوٰتِ

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## Warning to the Pagans

39. Say, "O Prophet," "O my people! Persist in your ways, for I 'too' will persist in mine. You will soon come to know 40. who will be visited by a humiliating torment 'in this life' and overwhelmed by an everlasting punishment 'in the next'."

## Free Choice

41. Surely We have revealed to you the Book 'O Prophet' with the truth for humanity. So whoever chooses to be guided, it is for their own good. And whoever chooses to stray, it is only to their own loss. You are not a keeper over them.

## Sleep: The Twin Brother of Death

42. "It is" Allah 'Who' calls back the souls 'of people' upon their death as well as 'the souls' of the living during their sleep. Then He keeps those for whom He has ordained death, and releases the others until 'their' appointed time. Surely in this are signs for people who reflect.

## Allah or the Idols

43. Or have they taken others besides Allah as intercessors? Say, "O Prophet," "Would they do so," even though those 'idols' have neither authority nor intelligence?" 44. Say, "All intercession belongs to Allah 'alone'. To Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

Then to Him you will 'all' be returned." 45. Yet when Allah alone is mentioned, the hearts of those who disbelieve in the Hereafter are filled with disgust. But as soon as those 'gods' other than Him are mentioned, they are filled with joy.

*Allah Is the Judge*

46. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O Allah—Originator of the heavens and the earth, Knower of the seen and unseen! You will judge between Your servants regarding their differences." 47. Even if the wrongdoers were to possess everything in the world twice over, they would certainly offer it to ransom themselves from the horrible punishment on Judgment Day, for they will see from Allah what they had never expected. 48. And the evil 'consequences' of their deeds will unfold before them, and they will be overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule.

*Human Ingratitude*

49. When one is touched with hardship, they cry out to Us 'alone'. Then when We shower Our blessings upon them, they say, "I have been granted all this only because of 'my' knowledge." Not at all! It is 'no more than' a test. But most of them do not know. 50. The same had already been said by those 'destroyed' before them,<sup>953</sup> but their 'worldly' gains were of no benefit to them. 51. So the evil 'consequences' of their deeds overtook them. And the wrongdoers among these 'pagans' will be overtaken by the evil 'consequences' of their deeds. And they will have no escape. 52. Do they not know that Allah gives abundant or limited provisions to whoever He wills? Surely in this are signs for people who believe.

وَالْأَرْضِ عِلْمَ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ أَنْتَ تَحْكُمُ بَيْنَ  
عِبَادِكَ فِي مَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾ وَلَوْ أَنَّ لِلَّذِينَ  
ظَلَمُوا مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا وَمِثْلَهُ مَعَهُ لَا فُتَدُوا بِهِ  
مِنْ سُوءِ الْعَذَابِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۖ وَبَدَا لَهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ  
مَا لَمْ يَكُونُوا يَحْتَسِبُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَبَدَا لَهُمْ سَيِّئَاتُ مَا  
كَسَبُوا وَحَاقَ بِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾  
إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ صُرْدَعَانٌ ۖ إِذَا خَوَّلْنَاهُ نِعْمَةً مِّنَّا قَالَ  
إِنَّمَا أُوتِيتُهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ ۖ بَلْ هِيَ فِتْنَةٌ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ  
لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ قَدْ قَالَهَا الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَمَا أَغْنَىٰ  
عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾ فَأَصَابَهُمْ سَيِّئَاتُ مَا كَسَبُوا ۖ  
وَالَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ سَيُصِيبُهُمْ سَيِّئَاتُ مَا كَسَبُوا ۖ  
وَمَا لَهُمْ بِمُجْزَيْنَ ﴿٥١﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ  
لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

قُلْ يٰعِبَادِى

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قُلْ يُعْبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِنْ

رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ

الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَأَنِيبُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ وَأَسْلُمُوهُ مِنَ

قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَكُمُ الْعَذَابُ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصِرُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَاتَّبِعُوا

أَحْسَنَ مَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَكُمُ

الْعَذَابُ بَغْتَةً وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾ أَنْ تَقُولَ نَفْسٌ

يُحَسِّرُنِي عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُ فِي جَنْبِ اللَّهِ وَإِنْ كُنْتُ لَمِنَ

السَّخِرِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾ أَوْ تَقُولَ لَوْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ هَدَانِي لَكُنْتُ مِنَ

الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾ أَوْ تَقُولَ حِينَ تَرَىٰ الْعَذَابَ لَوْ أَنَّ لِي

كَذَّةً فَأَكُونُ مِنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾ بَلَىٰ قَدْ جَاءُكَ الْيَتَىٰ

فَكَذَّبْتَ بِهَا وَاسْتَكْبَرْتَ وَكُنْتَ مِنَ الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾ وَيَوْمَ

الْقِيَامَةِ تَرَىٰ الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا عَلَىٰ اللَّهِ وُجُوهُهُمْ مُسْوَدَّةٌ

أَلَيْسَ فِي جَهَنَّمَ مَثْوًى لِّلْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَيُنَادِي اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ

### Allah Forgives All Sins

53. Say, "O Prophet, that Allah says," "O My servants who have exceeded the limits against their souls! Do not lose hope in Allah's mercy, for Allah certainly forgives all sins."<sup>954</sup> He is indeed the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 54. Turn to your Lord 'in repentance', and 'fully' submit to Him before the punishment reaches you, 'for' then you will not be helped. 55. Follow 'the Quran,' the best of what has been revealed to you from your Lord, before the punishment takes you by surprise while you are unaware, 56. so that no 'sinful' soul will say 'on Judgment Day', 'Woe to me for neglecting 'my duties towards' Allah, while ridiculing 'the truth'.' 57. Or 'a soul will' say, 'If only Allah had guided me, I would have certainly been one of the righteous.' 58. Or say, upon seeing the torment, 'If only I had a second chance, I would have been one of the good-doers.' 59. Not at all! My revelations had already come to you, but you rejected them, acted arrogantly, and were one of the disbelievers."

### Judgment Day

60. On the Day of Judgment you will see those who lied about Allah with their faces gloomy. Is Hell not a 'fitting' home for the arrogant? 61. And Allah will deliver those

954 No matter how big someone's sins are, they cannot be bigger than Allah's mercy. Based on 4:48, the only unforgivable sin in Islam is if someone dies while disbelieving in Allah or associating others with Him in worship. In an authentic narration collected by At-Tirmizi, the Prophet (ﷺ) reports that Almighty Allah says, "O children of Adam! As long as you call upon Me, putting your hope in Me, I will forgive you for what you have done, and I will not mind. O children of Adam! If your sins were to reach the clouds of the sky and then you sought My forgiveness, I would 'still' forgive you. O children of Adam! If you were to come to Me with sins filling the whole world and then you came to Me without associating other gods with Me, I would certainly match your sins with forgiveness."

who were mindful 'of Him' to their place of 'ultimate' triumph. No evil will touch them, nor will they grieve. 62. Allah is the Creator of all things, and He is the Maintainer of everything. 63. To Him belong the keys 'of the treasures' of the heavens and the earth. As for those who rejected the signs of Allah, it is they who will be the 'true' losers.

#### One God Alone

64. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Are you urging me to worship 'anyone' other than Allah, O ignorant ones?" 65. It has already been revealed to you—and to those 'prophets' before you—that if you associate others 'with Allah', your deeds will certainly be void and you will truly be one of the losers." 66. Rather, worship Allah 'alone' and be one of the grateful.

#### Beginning of the End

67. They have not shown Allah His proper reverence—when on the Day of Judgment the 'whole' earth will be in His Grip, and the heavens will be rolled up in His Right Hand. Glorified and Exalted is He above what they associate 'with Him'! 68. The Trumpet will be blown and all those in the heavens and all those on the earth will fall dead, except those Allah wills 'to spare'. Then it will be blown again and they will rise up at once, looking on 'in anticipation'.

اتَّقُوا بِمِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ ۖ لَا يَمَسُّهُمْ السُّوءُ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ۝<sup>٦٢</sup> اللَّهُ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ ۖ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ ۝<sup>٦٣</sup> لَهُ مَقَالِيدُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ۝<sup>٦٤</sup> قُلْ أَفَغَيْرَ اللَّهِ تَأْمُرُونِي أَعْبُدُ أَيُّهَا الْجَاهِلُونَ ۝<sup>٦٥</sup> وَلَقَدْ أَوْحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ ۖ لَئِنْ أَشْرَكَتَ لَيَحْبَطَنَّ عَمَلُكَ وَلَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ۝<sup>٦٦</sup> بَلِ اللَّهَ فَاعْبُدْ وَكُنْ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ۝<sup>٦٧</sup> وَمَا قَدَرُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ ۖ وَالْأَرْضُ جَمِيعًا قَبْضَتُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۖ وَالسَّمُوتُ مَطْوِيَّتٌ بِيَمِينِهِ ۖ وَسُبْحَنَهُ ۖ وَتَعَالَىٰ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ۝<sup>٦٨</sup> وَتُفَخَّ فِي الصُّورِ ۖ فَصَعِقَ مَنْ فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا مَنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ۖ ثُمَّ تُفَخَّ فِيهِ أُخْرَىٰ ۖ فَإِذَا هُمْ قِيَامٌ يَنْظُرُونَ ۝<sup>٦٩</sup> وَأَشْرَقَتِ الْأَرْضُ بِنُورِ رَبِّهَا وَوُضِعَ الْكِتَابُ وَجِئَءَ بِالنَّبِيِّينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءُ وَقُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمُ

بِالْحَقِّ

مَنْزِلٌ

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#### Divine Justice

69. The earth<sup>955</sup> will shine with the light of its Lord, the record 'of deeds' will be laid 'open', the prophets and the witnesses will be brought forward—and judgment will be passed on all with fairness.

955 This refers to the place where the judgment will be held. The Prophet (ﷺ) is reported in a *hadith* collected by At-Ṭabarānī to have said, "The Judgment will be passed on an earth where neither blood has been shed nor any sin committed."

بِالْحَقِّ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾ وَوُفِّيَتْ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا عَمِلَتْ  
 وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ وَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَىٰ  
 جَهَنَّمَ زُمَرًا ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءُوهَا فَتِيحتْ أَبْوَابُهَا وَقَالَ  
 لَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ رُسُلٌ مِّنكُمْ يَتْلُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ  
 آيَاتِ رَبِّكُمْ وَيُنذِرُونَكُمْ لِقَاءَ يَوْمِكُمْ هَٰذَا ۖ قَالُوا  
 بَلَىٰ وَلَكِنْ حَقَّتْ كَلِمَةُ الْعَذَابِ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٧١﴾  
 قِيلَ ادْخُلُوا أَبْوَابَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۖ فَبِئْسَ  
 مَثْوًى لِّلْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ ﴿٧٢﴾ وَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَىٰ  
 الْجَنَّةِ زُمَرًا ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءُوهَا وَفُتِحَتْ أَبْوَابُهَا وَقَالَ لَهُمْ  
 خَزَنَتُهَا سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ طِبْتُمْ فَادْخُلُوهَا خَالِدِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾  
 وَقَالُوا الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي صَدَقَنَا وَعْدَهُ وَأَوْرَثَنَا  
 الْأَرْضَ نَتَبَوَّأُ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ حَيْثُ نَشَاءُ ۖ فَنِعْمَ أَجْرُ  
 الْعَامِلِينَ ﴿٧٤﴾ وَتَرَى الْمَلَائِكَةَ حَاقِقِينَ مِن حَوْلِ

None will be wronged. 70. Every soul will be paid in full for its deeds, for Allah knows best what they have done.

#### Reward of the Wicked

71. Those who disbelieved will be driven to Hell in 'successive' groups. When they arrive there, its gates will be opened and its keepers will ask them: "Did messengers not come to you from among yourselves, reciting to you the revelations of your Lord and warning you of the coming of this Day of yours?" The disbelievers will cry, "Yes 'indeed'! But the decree of torment has come to pass against the disbelievers." 72. It will be said to them, "Enter the gates of Hell, to stay there forever." What an evil home for the arrogant!

#### Reward of the Righteous

73. And those who were mindful of their Lord will be led to Paradise in 'successive' groups. When they arrive at its 'already' open gates, its keepers will say, "Peace be upon you! You have done well, so come in, to stay forever." 74. The righteous will say, "Praise be to Allah Who has fulfilled His promise to us, and made us inherit the 'everlasting' land<sup>95</sup> to settle in Paradise wherever we please." How excellent is the reward of those who work 'righteousness'!

956 This is emphasized in 21:105. The meaning is that Allah will award Paradise to the believers to be its residents forever. Some commentators say that the word "inherit" is used because of the understanding that when Allah created Paradise and Hell, He made places for all of humanity in both. Those who will go to Paradise will inherit the spots of the disbelievers who chose misguidance (which leads to Hell), and those who will go to Hell will inherit the spots of those who chose guidance (which leads to Paradise).

*Praising Allah's Grace and Justice*

75. You will see the angels all around the Throne, glorifying the praises of their Lord, for judgment will have been passed on all with fairness. And it will be said,<sup>957</sup> "Praise be to Allah—Lord of all worlds!"



*40. The Forgiver (Ghāfir)*

In the Name of Allah

—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*The Quran Is from the Almighty*

1. *Hā-Mīm*. 2. The revelation of this Book is from Allah—the Almighty, All-Knowing, 3. the Forgiver of sin and Acceptor of repentance, the Severe in punishment, and Infinite in bounty. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. To Him 'alone' is the final return.

*Warning to the Disbelievers*

4. None disputes the signs of Allah except the disbelievers, so do not be deceived by their prosperity throughout the land. 5. Before them, the people of Noah denied 'the truth', as did 'other' enemy forces afterwards. Every community plotted against its prophet to seize him, and argued in falsehood, 'hoping' to discredit the truth with it. So I seized them. And how 'horrible' was My punishment! 6. And so your Lord's decree has been proven true against the disbelievers—that they will be the inmates of the Fire.

وَقِيلَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ١١

الْعَرْشِ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ وَقُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ  
بِالْحَقِّ وَقِيلَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ٥٥

﴿آيَاتُهَا ٨٥﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْغَافِرِ مَكِّيَّةٌ﴾ ﴿رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٩﴾  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

حَمِّ ۖ تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ ۝  
غَافِرِ الذَّنْبِ وَقَابِلِ التَّوْبِ شَدِيدِ الْعِقَابِ ذِي  
الْظُّلُمِ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ إِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ ۝ مَا يُجَادِلُ فِي  
آيَاتِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَلَا يَغْرُرُكَ تَقْلُبُهُمْ  
فِي الْبِلَادِ ۝ كَذَّبَتْ قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَالْأَحْزَابُ  
مَنْ بَعْدَهُمْ ۖ وَهَمَّتْ كُلُّ أُمَّةٍ بِرَسُولِهِمْ لِيَأْخُذُوهُ  
وَجَدَلُوا بِالْبَاطِلِ لِيُدْحِضُوا بِهِ الْحَقَّ فَأَخَذْتُهُمْ ۖ  
فَكَيْفَ كَانَ عِقَابِ ۝ وَكَذَلِكَ حَقَّتْ كَلِمَتُ رَبِّكَ  
عَلَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّهُمْ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ الَّذِينَ يَحْمِلُونَ

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957 The believers will praise Him for His grace, and the disbelievers will praise Him for His justice.

*Angels Pray for the Believers*

7. Those "angels" who carry the Throne and those around it glorify the praises of their Lord, have faith in Him, and seek forgiveness for the believers, "praying:" "Our Lord! You encompass everything in "Your" mercy and knowledge. So forgive those who repent and follow Your Way, and protect them from the torment of the Hellfire. 8. Our Lord! Admit them into the Gardens of Eternity which You have promised them, along with the righteous among their parents, spouses, and descendants. You "alone" are truly the Almighty, All-Wise. 9. And protect them from "the consequences of their" evil deeds. For whoever You protect from the evil of their deeds on that Day will have been shown Your mercy. That is "truly" the ultimate triumph."

*The Inmates of Hell*

10. Indeed, it will be announced to the disbelievers, "Allah's contempt for you—as you disbelieved when invited to belief—was far worse than your contempt for one another "Today"." 11. They will plead, "Our Lord! You made us lifeless twice, and gave us life twice."<sup>958</sup> Now we confess our sins. So is there any way out?" 12. "They will be told," "No!" This is because when Allah

الْعَرْشِ وَمَنْ حَوْلَهُ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَيُؤْمِنُونَ  
بِهِ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا رَبَّنَا وَسِعْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ  
رَّحْمَةً وَعِلْمًا فَاغْفِرْ لِلَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَاتَّبَعُوا سَبِيلَكَ  
وَقِهِمْ عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ ٥ رَبَّنَا وَادْخُلْهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ  
الَّتِي وَعَدْتَهُمْ وَمَنْ صَلَحَ مِنْ آبَائِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجِهِمْ  
وُذُرِّيَّتِهِمْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ٦ وَقِهِمُ السَّيِّئَاتِ  
وَمَنْ تَقِ السَّيِّئَاتِ يَوْمَئِذٍ فَقَدْ رَحِمْتَهُ ٧ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ  
الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ٨ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ينادُونَ لِمَقْتُ اللَّهِ  
أَكْبَرُ مِنْ مَقْتِكُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِذْ تُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى الْإِيمَانِ  
فَتَكْفُرُونَ ٩ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا أَشْنَتَيْنِ وَأَحْيَيْتَنَا  
أَشْنَتَيْنِ فَأَعْتَرَفْنَا بِذُنُوبِنَا فَهَلْ إِلَى خُرُوجٍ مِّنْ  
سَبِيلٍ ١٠ ذَلِكُمْ بِأَنَّهُ إِذَا دُعِيَ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ كَفَرْتُمْ ١١  
وَأِنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ تَوُمنُوا ١٢ فَالْحُكْمُ لِلَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْكَبِيرِ ١٣

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alone was invoked, you "staunchly" disbelieved. But when others were associated with Him "in worship", you "readily" believed. So "Today" judgment belongs to Allah "alone"—the Most High, All-Great."

### Allah's Might in Both Worlds

13. He is the One Who shows you His signs and sends down 'rain as' a provision for you from the sky. 'But' none will be mindful except those who turn 'to Him'. 14. So call upon Allah with sincere devotion, even to the dismay of the disbelievers. 15. 'He is' Highly Exalted in rank, Lord of the Throne. He sends down the revelation by His command to whoever He wills of His servants to warn 'all' of the Day of Meeting— 16. the Day all will appear 'before Allah'. Nothing about them will be hidden from Him. 'He will ask,' "Who does all authority belong to this Day? To Allah—the One, the Supreme!"<sup>959</sup> 17. Today every soul will be rewarded for what it has done. No injustice Today! Surely Allah is swift in reckoning."

### Horrors of Judgment Day

18. Warn them 'O Prophet' of the approaching Day when the hearts will jump into the throats, suppressing distress. The wrongdoers will have neither a close friend nor intercessor to be heard. 19. Allah 'even' knows the sly glances of the eyes and whatever the hearts conceal. 20. And Allah judges with the truth, while those 'idols' they invoke besides Him cannot judge at all. Indeed, Allah 'alone' is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

هُوَ الَّذِي يُرِيكُم آيَاتِهِ وَيُنَزِّل لَكُم مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ رِزْقًا  
وَمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ إِلَّا مَن يُنِيبُ ﴿١٣﴾ فَادْعُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ  
لَهُ الدِّينَ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ رَفِيعُ الدَّرَجَاتِ  
ذُو الْعَرْشِ ۚ يُلْقِي الرُّوحَ مَن أَمَرَهُ عَلَىٰ مَن يَشَاءُ مَن  
عِبَادِهِ لِيُنْذِرَ يَوْمَ التَّلَاقِ ﴿١٥﴾ يَوْمَ هُمْ بَرْزُورُونَ ۖ  
لَا يَخْفَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ مِنْهُمْ شَيْءٌ ۚ لِمَنِ الْمُلْكُ الْيَوْمَ  
لِلَّهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْقَهَّارِ ﴿١٦﴾ الْيَوْمَ تُجْزَىٰ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا  
كَسَبَتْ ۖ لَا ظُلْمَ الْيَوْمَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿١٧﴾  
وَأَنْذَرَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْأَرْفَةِ ۚ إِذِ الْقُلُوبُ لَدَى الْحَنَاجِرِ  
كَظِيمِينَ ۚ مَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ حَمِيمٍ وَلَا شَفِيعٍ  
يُطَاعُ ﴿١٨﴾ يَعْلَمُ خَائِنَةَ الْأَعْيُنِ وَمَا تُخْفِي الصُّدُورُ ﴿١٩﴾  
وَاللَّهُ يَقْضِي بِالْحَقِّ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِن دُونِهِ  
لَا يَقْضُونَ شَيْءًا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿٢٠﴾

أَوَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا

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959 It is reported in a *hadith* collected by Imâm Muslim that everyone and everything that has ever existed will die on that Day, except for Allah—the Eternal. He will then ask, "Who does all authority belong to this Day? Where are the kings of the world? I am the King." Since no one will be there to answer, Allah will answer Himself. "All authority belongs to Allah—the One, the Supreme!"



أَوَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ  
 الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ كَانُوا هُمْ أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً وَ  
 آثَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَأَخَذَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَمَا كَانَ  
 لَهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَاقٍ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَانَتْ تَأْتِيهِمْ  
 رُسُلُهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَكَفَرُوا فَأَخَذَهُمُ اللَّهُ إِنَّهُ قَوِيٌّ  
 شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ۚ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ بِآيَاتِنَا وَ  
 سُلْطَنِ مُبِينٍ ۚ إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ وَهَامَانَ وَقَارُونَ فَقَالُوا  
 سِحْرٌ كَذَّابٌ ۚ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْحَقِّ مِنْ عِنْدِنَا قَالُوا  
 اقْتُلُوا أَبْنَاءَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ وَاسْتَحْيُوا نِسَاءَهُمْ ۚ  
 وَمَا كَيْدُ الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ ۚ وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ  
 ذَرُونِي أَقْتُلْ مُوسَىٰ وَلْيَدْعُ رَبَّهُ إِنِّي أَخَافُ أَنْ  
 يُبَدِّلَ دِينَكُمْ أَوْ أَنْ يُظْهِرَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الْفَسَادَ ۚ  
 وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ إِنِّي عُذْتُ بِرَبِّي وَرَبِّكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ مُتَكَبِّرٍ

## Fate of the Deniers

21. Have they not travelled throughout the land to see what was the end of those "destroyed" before them? They were far superior in might and "richer in" monuments throughout the land. But Allah seized them for their sins, and they had no protector from Allah. 22. That was because their messengers used to come to them with clear proofs, but they persisted in disbelief. So Allah seized them. Surely He is All-Powerful, severe in punishment.

## Moses Denied in Egypt

23. Indeed, We sent Moses with Our signs and compelling proof 24. to Pharaoh, Hamân, and Korah. But they responded: "Magician! Total liar!" 25. Then, when he came to them with the truth from Us, they said, "Kill the sons of those who believe with him and keep their women." But the plotting of the disbelievers was only in vain. 26. And Pharaoh said, "Let me kill Moses, and let him call upon his Lord! I truly fear that he may change your traditions or cause mischief in the land." 27. Moses replied, "I seek refuge in my Lord and your Lord from every

arrogant person who does not believe in the Day of Reckoning.”

*The Believer's Advice: 1) Do Not Persecute for Belief*

28. A believing man from Pharaoh's people, who was hiding his faith, argued, “Will you kill a man<sup>960</sup> 'only' for saying: 'My Lord is Allah,' while he has in fact come to you with clear proofs from your Lord? If he is a liar, it will be to his own loss. But if he is truthful, then you will be afflicted with some of what he is threatening you with. Surely Allah does not guide whoever is a transgressor, a total liar. 29. O my people! Authority belongs to you today, reigning supreme in the land. But who would help us against the torment of Allah, if it were to befall us?”

*Pharaoh's Response*

Pharaoh assured 'his people', “I am telling you only what I believe, and I am leading you only to the way of guidance.”

*Advice 2) Learn from History*

30. And the man who believed cautioned, “O my people! I truly fear for you the doom of 'earlier' enemy forces — 31. like the fate of the people of Noah, 'Âd, Thamûd, and those after them. For Allah would never will to wrong 'His' servants. 32. O my people! I truly fear for you the Day all will be crying out 'to each other' — 33. the Day you will 'try in vain to' turn your backs and run away,

the Day you will 'try in vain to' turn your backs and run away,

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الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۚ ۲۰

لَا يُؤْمِنُ بِيَوْمِ الْحِسَابِ ۚ (٢٤) وَقَالَ رَجُلٌ مُؤْمِنٌ مِّنْ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَكْتُمُ إِيمَانَهُ أَتَقْتُلُونَ رَجُلًا أَن يَقُولَ رَبِّيَ اللَّهُ وَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ ۖ وَإِنَّ يَكُ كَاذِبًا فَعَلَيْهِ كَذِبُهُ ۚ وَإِنَّ يَكُ صَادِقًا يُصِيبْكُمْ بَعْضُ الَّذِي يَعِدُكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي مَنْ هُوَ مُسْرِفٌ كَذَّابٌ ۚ (٢٨) يَقَوْمِ لَكُمْ الْمَلَكُ الْيَوْمَ ظَاهِرِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَمَنْ يَنْصُرُنَا مِنْ بَأْسِ اللَّهِ إِنْ جَاءَنَا ۖ قَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ مَا أُرِيكُمْ إِلَّا مَا أَرَىٰ وَمَا أَهْدِيكُمْ إِلَّا سَبِيلَ الرَّشَادِ ۚ (٢٩) وَقَالَ الَّذِي آمَنَ يَقَوْمِ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ مِثْلَ يَوْمِ الْأَحْزَابِ ۚ (٣٠) مِثْلَ دَابِ قَوْمِ نُوحٍ وَعَادٍ وَثَمُودَ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ ۚ وَمَا اللَّهُ يُرِيدُ ظُلْمًا لِّلْعِبَادِ ۚ (٣١) وَيَقَوْمِ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ يَوْمَ التَّنَادِ ۚ (٣٢) يَوْمَ تَوَلَّوْنَ مُدْبِرِينَ ۚ مَا لَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ

مِنْ عَاصِمٍ

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مِنْ عَاصِمٍ ۖ وَمَنْ يُضْلِلِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ هَادٍ ۝٣٤

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ يُوسُفُ مِنْ قَبْلُ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَمَا زِلْتُمْ

فِي شَكٍّ مِمَّا جَاءَكُمْ بِهِ ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا هَلَكَ قُلْتُمْ لَنْ

يَبْعَثَ اللَّهُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ رَسُولًا ۚ كَذَلِكَ يُضِلُّ اللَّهُ

مَنْ هُوَ مُسْرِفٌ مُّرْتَابٌ ۝٣٥ ۚ الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي

آيَاتِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ سُلْطَانٍ أَتَاهُمْ ۖ كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَ

عِنْدَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ۚ كَذَلِكَ يَطْبَعُ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ قَلْبٍ

مُتَكَبِّرٍ جَبَّارٍ ۝٣٦ وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ لِيَهَامُنُ ابْنُ لِي

صَرَحًا تَعَلَّىٰ أَبْلُغُ الْأَسْبَابَ ۝٣٧ ۚ الْأَسْبَابَ السَّمَوَاتِ

فَأُظْلِعَ إِلَىٰ إِلَهِ مُوسَىٰ وَإِنِّي لَأَظُنُّهُ كَاذِبًا ۚ وَكَذَلِكَ

زُيِّنَ لِفِرْعَوْنَ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ وَصُدَّ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ ۚ

وَمَا كَيْدُ فِرْعَوْنَ إِلَّا فِي تَبَابٍ ۝٣٨ وَقَالَ الَّذِي آمَنَ

يَقَوْمِ اتَّبِعُونِ أَهْدِيكُمْ سَبِيلَ الرَّشَادِ ۝٣٩ يَقَوْمِ إِنَّمَا

with no one to protect you from Allah. And whoever Allah leaves to stray will be left with no guide. 34. Joseph already came to you<sup>961</sup> earlier with clear proofs, yet you never ceased to doubt what he came to you with. When he died you said, 'Allah will never send a messenger after him.' This is how Allah leaves every transgressor and doubter to stray— 35. those who dispute Allah's signs with no proof given to them. How despicable is that for Allah and the believers! This is how Allah seals the heart of every arrogant tyrant."

#### Pharaoh's Response

36. Pharaoh ordered, "O Hamân! Build me a high tower so I may reach the pathways 37. leading up to the heavens and look for the God of Moses, although I am sure he is a liar."<sup>962</sup> And so Pharaoh's evil deeds were made so appealing to him that he was hindered from the 'Right' Way. But the plotting of Pharaoh was only in vain.

#### Advice 3) Mend Your Ways

38. And the man who believed urged, "O my people! Follow me, 'and' I will lead you to the Way of Guidance.

<sup>961</sup> Meaning, your ancestors, because Joseph (ؑ) died over 400 hundred years before Moses (ؑ).

<sup>962</sup> See 28:38.

39. O my people! This worldly life is only 'a fleeting' enjoyment, whereas the Hereafter is truly the home of settlement. 40. Whoever does an evil deed will only be paid back with its equivalent. And whoever does good, whether male or female, and is a believer, they will enter Paradise, where they will be provided for without limit. 41. O my people! How is it that I invite you to salvation, while you invite me to the Fire! 42. You invite me to disbelieve in Allah and associate with Him what I have no knowledge of, while I invite you to the Almighty, Most Forgiving. 43. There is no doubt that whatever 'idols' you invite me to 'worship' are not worthy to be invoked either in this world or the Hereafter.<sup>663</sup> "Undoubtedly," our return is to Allah, and the transgressors will be the inmates of the Fire. 44. You will remember what I say to you, and I entrust my affairs to Allah. Surely Allah is All-Seeing of all 'His' servants."

#### Allah's Response

45. So Allah protected him from the evil of their schemes. And Pharaoh's people were overwhelmed by an evil punishment:

هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا مَتَاعٌ ۚ وَإِنَّ الْآخِرَةَ هِيَ دَارُ الْقَرَارِ ۚ مَنْ عَمِلَ سَيِّئَةً فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا ۚ وَمَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أَنشَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَٰئِكَ يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ يُرْزَقُونَ فِيهَا بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ۚ وَيَقَوْمٌ مَّالِيٍّ أَدْعُوكُمْ إِلَى النَّجْوَىٰ وَتَدْعُونَنِي إِلَى النَّارِ ۚ تَدْعُونَنِي لِأَكْفُرَ بِاللَّهِ وَأَشْرِكَ بِهِ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِهِ عِلْمٌ ۚ وَأَنَا أَدْعُوكُمْ إِلَى الْعَزِيزِ الْغَفَّارِ ۚ لَا جَرَمَ أَنَا تَدْعُونَنِي إِلَيْهِ لَيْسَ لَهُ دَعْوَةٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَلَا فِي الْآخِرَةِ ۚ وَأَنْ مَّرَدَّنَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَأَنَّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ هُمْ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۚ فَسَتَذْكُرُونَ مَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ ۚ وَأَفْوَضُ أَمْرِئِي إِلَى اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَصِيرٌ بِالْعِبَادِ ۚ فَوَقَّهُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتٍ مَا مَكَرُوا وَحَاقَ بِآلِ فِرْعَوْنَ سُوءُ الْعَذَابِ ۚ

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<sup>663</sup> Another possible translation: "Without a doubt, whatever 'gods' you are calling me to 'worship' have no claim 'to divinity' in this world or the Hereafter."

النَّارِ يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَيْهَا غُدُوًّا وَعَشِيًّا وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ  
 السَّاعَةُ أَدْخِلُوا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ أَشَدَّ الْعَذَابِ ﴿٣٦﴾  
 وَإِذْ يَتَحَاوُونَ فِي النَّارِ فَيَقُولُ الضُّعَفَاءُ لِلَّذِينَ  
 اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا كُنَّا لَكُمْ تَبَعًا فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُغْنُونَ  
 عَنَّا نَصِيبًا مِّنَ النَّارِ ﴿٣٧﴾ قَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا  
 كُلٌّ فِيهَا إِنَّا بِلِلَّهِ قَدْ حَكَمَ بَيْنَ الْعِبَادِ ﴿٣٨﴾ وَقَالَ  
 الَّذِينَ فِي النَّارِ لِحِزْنَةِ رَبِّهِمْ أَدْعُوا رَبَّكُمْ يُخَفِّفْ  
 عَنَّا يَوْمًا مِّنَ الْعَذَابِ ﴿٣٩﴾ قَالُوا أَوَلَمْ تَكُ تَأْتِيكُمُ  
 رُسُلُكُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ قَالُوا فَادْعُوا وَمَا  
 دُعَاؤُا الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ ﴿٤٠﴾ إِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَ  
 الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهَادُ ﴿٤١﴾  
 يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ الظَّالِمِينَ مَعَذَرَتُهُمْ وَلَهُمُ اللَّعْنَةُ  
 وَلَهُمْ سُوءُ الدَّارِ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْهُدَىٰ

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46. they are exposed to the Fire "in their graves" morning and evening. And on the Day the Hour will be established "it will be said", "Admit Pharaoh's people into the harshest punishment 'of Hell'."

#### Disputes Among Hell's Inmates

47. "Consider the Day" when they will 'dispute' in the Fire, and the lowly 'followers' will appeal to the arrogant 'leaders', "We were your 'dedicated' followers, will you then shield us from a portion of the Fire?" 48. The arrogant will say, "We are all in it! 'For' Allah has already passed judgment over 'His' servants."

#### Appeals from Hell

49. And those in the Fire will cry out to the keepers of Hell,<sup>964</sup> "Pray to your Lord to lighten the torment for us 'even' for one day!" 50. The keepers will reply, "Did your messengers not 'constantly' come to you with clear proofs?" They will say, "Yes 'they did'." The keepers will say, "Then pray! Though the prayer of the disbelievers is only in vain."

#### Allah's Help for the Believers

51. We certainly help Our messengers and the believers, 'both' in this worldly life and on the Day the witnesses will stand forth 'for testimony'— 52. the Day the wrongdoers' excuses will be of no benefit to them.

They will be condemned, and will have the worst outcome.<sup>965</sup>

<sup>964</sup> The verse does not say "Those in the Fire will cry out to its keepers," simply because there are levels in the Fire: those in higher levels will plead to the keepers of the depths of Hell to appeal to Allah to lighten the punishment even for one day, since they think they are better than those at the bottom.

<sup>965</sup> i.e., the Hellfire.

*Reassuring the Prophet*

53. And indeed, We gave Moses 'true' guidance, and made the Children of Israel inherit the Scripture—  
 54. a guide and a reminder to people of reason. 55. So be patient 'O Prophet', 'for' Allah's promise is certainly true. Seek forgiveness for your shortcomings.<sup>966</sup> And glorify the praises of your Lord morning and evening. 56. Surely those who dispute Allah's signs—with no proof given to them—have nothing in their hearts but greed for dominance, which they will never attain. So seek refuge in Allah. Indeed, He alone is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

*Greater Creation*

57. The creation of the heavens and the earth is certainly greater than the re-creation of humankind, but most people do not know.

*Parable of Belief and Disbelief*

58. Those blind 'to the truth' and those who can see are not equal, nor are those who believe and do good 'equal' to those who do evil. Yet you are hardly mindful. 59. The Hour is certainly coming, there is no doubt about it. But most people do not believe.

*Allah Answers Prayers*

60. Your Lord has proclaimed, "Call upon Me, I will respond to you. Surely those who are too proud to worship Me will enter Hell, fully humbled."

وَأَوْرَثْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ الْكِتَابَ ۖ هُدًى وَ  
 ذِكْرًا لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ۖ فَاصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ  
 وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ بِالْعَشِيِّ وَالْإِبْكَارِ ۖ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي آيَاتِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ  
 سُلْطَانٍ أَتَاهُمْ ۖ إِنَّ فِي صُدُورِهِمْ إِلَّا كِبْرًا مَّا هُمْ  
 بِبَالِغِيهِ ۖ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ ۖ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ۖ  
 لَخَلْقُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ خَلْقِ النَّاسِ وَ  
 لَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۖ وَمَا يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَى  
 وَالْبَصِيرَةُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَلَا الَّذِينَ  
 قَلِيلًا مَّا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ ۖ إِنَّ السَّاعَةَ لَأْتِيَةٌ  
 لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۖ  
 وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ  
 يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دُخْرَيْنَ ۖ

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<sup>966</sup> Like other prophets, Muhammad (ﷺ) was infallible of sin. The verse here refers to misjudgments, such as the Prophet's response to the blind man (80:1-10), Jonah's departure from his city without Allah's permission (21:87-88), and David's suspicions of the two men who scaled the wall of his sanctuary (38:21-25). If the Prophet (ﷺ) himself is urged to seek forgiveness, then the believers are even more in need of praying for Allah's forgiveness.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ اللَّيْلَ لِتَسْكُنُوا فِيهِ وَالنَّهَارَ  
 مُبْصِرًا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَدُوٌّ فَضْلٍ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ  
 النَّاسِ لَا يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٩١﴾ ذَلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ خَالِقُ كُلِّ  
 شَيْءٍ ۚ لَآ إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ فَآلَىٰ تَوَفَّكُونَ ﴿٩٢﴾ كَذَلِكَ  
 يُؤَفِّكُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ يَجْحَدُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾ اللَّهُ  
 الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ قَرَارًا وَالسَّمَاءَ بِنَاءً ۚ وَ  
 صَوَّرَكُم فَأَحْسَنَ صُورَكُمْ ۚ وَرَزَقَكُم مِّنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ ۚ  
 ذَلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ ۚ فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾ هُوَ  
 الْحَيُّ ۚ لَآ إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ فَادْعُوهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ ۚ  
 الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٩٥﴾ قُلْ إِنِّي نُهُيْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ  
 الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ ۚ لَمَّا جَاءَنِيَ الْبَيِّنَاتُ  
 مِنْ رَبِّي ۚ وَأُمِرْتُ أَنْ أُسْلِمَ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٩٦﴾ هُوَ  
 الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِّن تَرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِّن نُّطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِّن

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### Allah Is Merciful to His Creation

61. It is Allah Who has made the night for you to rest in and the day bright. Surely Allah is ever Bountiful to humanity, but most people are ungrateful. 62. That is Allah, your Lord, the Creator of all things. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. How can you then be deluded 'from the truth'? 63. This is how those who used to reject Allah's signs were 'also' deluded.

### Allah Provides for All

64. It is Allah Who made the earth a place of settlement for you and the sky a canopy. He shaped you 'in the womb', perfecting your form. And He has provided you with what is good and lawful. That is Allah—your Lord. So Blessed is Allah, Lord of all worlds. 65. He is the Ever-Living. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. So call upon Him with sincere devotion, 'saying,' 'All praise is for Allah—Lord of all worlds.'

### Allah Has Power over Life and Death

66. Say, 'O Prophet,' 'I have been forbidden to worship those 'idols' you worship besides Allah, since clear proofs have come to me from my Lord. And I have been commanded to 'fully' submit to the Lord of all worlds.' 67. He is the One

Who created you<sup>967</sup> from dust, then from a sperm-drop,<sup>968</sup>

967 Your father, Adam.

968 *Nutfah* refers to the union of male and female gametes (sperm and egg) which results in the zygote after fertilization.

then "developed you into" a clinging clot "of blood",<sup>969</sup> then He brings you forth as infants, so that you may reach your prime, and become old—though some of you "may" die sooner—reaching an appointed time, so perhaps you may understand "Allah's power". 68. He is the One Who gives life and causes death. When He decrees a matter, He simply tells it, "Be!" And it is!

#### *Punishment of the Deniers*

69. Have you not seen how those who dispute Allah's signs are turned away? 70. "They are" the ones who reject this Book and all "scriptures". We sent Our messengers with. So they will know "the consequences" 71. when shackles will be around their necks and chains "on their legs". They will be dragged 72. through boiling water, then burned in the Fire "as fuel". 73. Then they will be asked, "Where are those 'idols' you used to associate 74. with Allah?" They will cry, "They have 'all' failed us. In fact, we did not invoke anything 'real' before." This is how Allah leaves the disbelievers to stray. 75. "They will be told," "This 'punishment' is for being prideful on earth

عَلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ يُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلًا ثُمَّ لِتَبْلُغُوا أَشَدَّكُمْ ثُمَّ لِتَكُونُوا شُيُوخًا ۖ وَمِنْكُمْ مَنْ يَتُوفَىٰ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَلِتَبْلُغُوا أَجَلَ مُّسَمًّى ۚ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾ هُوَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ ۚ فَإِذَا قُضِيَ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿٦٩﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي آيَاتِ اللَّهِ ۖ أَنَّىٰ يُصْرَفُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِالْكِتَابِ وَبِمَا أَرْسَلْنَا بِهِ رُسُلَنَا فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٧١﴾ إِذِ الْأَغْلُلُ فِيَّ أَعْنَاقِهِمْ وَالسَّلَاسِلُ يُسْحَبُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾ فِي الْحَمِيمِ ۖ ثُمَّ فِي النَّارِ يُسْجَرُونَ ﴿٧٣﴾ ثُمَّ قِيلَ لَهُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ تُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٧٤﴾ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ قَالُوا ضَلُّوا عَنَّا بَلْ لَمْ نَكُنْ نَدْعُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ شَيْئًا ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ يَضِلُّ اللَّهُ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٧٥﴾ ذَٰلِكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَفْرَحُونَ فِي الْأَمْزِضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ

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969 'Alaah, meaning the embryo resembles a leech.



تَمْرَحُونَ ۖ اُدْخُلُوا أَبْوَابَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ  
 فِيهَا ۚ فَبِئْسَ مَثْوًى لِّلْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ ۝٩٦  
 وَعَدَ اللَّهُ حَقًّا ۚ فَاِمَّا نُرِيَنَّكَ بَعْضَ الَّذِي  
 نَعِدُهُمْ اَوْ نَتَوَقَّيَنَّكَ فَاِلَيْنَا يُرْجَعُونَ ۝٩٧  
 اَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِّنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْهُمْ مَّنْ قَصَصْنَا  
 عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ لَّمْ نَقْصُصْ عَلَيْكَ ۖ وَمَا كَانَ  
 لِرَّسُولٍ اَنْ يَّاتِيَ بِآيَةٍ اِلَّا بِاِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۚ فَاِذَا جَاءَ  
 اَمْرُ اللَّهِ قُضِيَ بِالْحَقِّ وَخَسِرَ هُنَالِكَ الْبَاطِلُونَ ۝٩٨  
 اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْاَنْعَامَ لِتَرْكَبُوا مِنْهَا وَ  
 مِنْهَا تَاْكُلُونَ ۝٩٩ وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَنَافِعُ وَلِتَبَلَّغُوا  
 عَلَيْهَا حَاجَةً فِي صُدُورِكُمْ وَعَلَيْهَا وَعَلَى الْفُلْكِ  
 تُحْمَلُونَ ۝١٠٠ وَيُرِيكُمْ آيَاتِهِ ۚ فَآيَىٰ اِيَّتِ اللَّهُ  
 تُنْكِرُونَ ۝١٠١ اَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْاَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا

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unjustly and for acting arrogantly. 76. Enter the gates of Hell, to stay there forever. What an evil home for the arrogant!"

#### Advice to the Prophet

77. So be patient 'O Prophet'. Surely Allah's promise is true. Whether We show you some of what We threaten them with, or cause you to die 'before that', to Us they will 'all' be returned. 78. We already sent messengers before you. We have told you the stories of some of them, while others We have not. It was not for any messenger to bring a sign without Allah's permission. But when Allah's decree comes, judgment will be passed with fairness, and the people of falsehood will then be in 'total' loss.

#### Some of Allah's Favours

79. It is Allah Who made cattle for you so that you may ride some and eat others. 80. Also, you find in them 'other' benefits.<sup>970</sup> And by means of them you may reach destinations you desire. And you are carried upon 'some of' them and upon ships. 81. And He shows you His signs. Now which of Allah's signs will you deny?

#### More Warning to the Deniers

82. Have they not travelled throughout the land to see what was the end

of those who were 'destroyed' before them?

They were far superior in might and 'richer in' monuments throughout the land, but their 'worldly' gains were of no benefit to them. 83. When their messengers came to them with clear proofs, they were prideful in whatever 'worldly' knowledge they had,<sup>971</sup> and were 'ultimately' overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule. 84. When they saw Our punishment, they cried, "'Now' we believe in Allah alone and reject what we had been associating with Him!" 85. But their faith was of no benefit to them when they saw Our torment. This has 'always' been Allah's way 'of dealing' with His 'wicked' servants. Then and there the disbelievers were in 'total' loss.



41. 'Verses' Perfectly Explained  
(Fussilat)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

The Deniers of the Truth

1. *Hû-Mîm*. 2. 'This is' a revelation from the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful. 3. 'It is' a Book whose verses are perfectly explained—a Quran in Arabic for people who know,

كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۚ كَانُوا أَكْثَرَ  
مِنْهُمْ وَأَشَدَّ قُوَّةً وَآثَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَمَا أَغْنَى  
عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾ فَلَمَّا جَاءَتْهُمْ  
رُسُلُهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَرِحُوا بِمَا عِنْدَهُمْ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ  
وَحَاقَ بِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾ فَلَمَّا رَأَوْا  
بَأْسَنَا قَالُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَحَدَّةً وَكَفَرْنَا بِمَا كُنَّا بِهِ  
مُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾ فَلَمْ يَكُ يَنْفَعُهُمْ إِيمَانُهُمْ لَمَّا رَأَوْا  
بَأْسَنَا ۚ سُنَّتَ اللَّهُ الَّتِي قَدْ خَلَتْ فِي عِبَادِهِ ۚ  
وَخَسِرَ هُنَاكَ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٨٦﴾

وَحَدَّةً

﴿آيَاتُهَا ٥٣﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الشُّجْرَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿٦١﴾﴾ ﴿كُتِبَتْهَا ٦﴾  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
حَمِّ ١ تَنْزِيلٌ مِّنَ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ٢ كِتَابٌ  
فُصِّلَتْ آيَاتُهُ قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ٣

بَشِيرًا

مَنْزِلٌ

971 And ridiculed the divine knowledge brought to them by their messengers.

بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا ۖ فَأَعْرَضَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ فَهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٥﴾  
 وَقَالُوا قُلُوبُنَا فِيْ أَكِنَّةٍ مِّمَّا تَدْعُونَا إِلَيْهِ وَفِيْ  
 آذَانِنَا وَقْرٌ وَمِنْ بَيْنِنَا وَبَيْنِكَ حِجَابٌ  
 فَأَعْمَلْ إِنَّا عَمِلُونُ ﴿٦﴾ قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ  
 يُوحَىٰ إِلَىٰ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ اللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ فَاستَقِيمُوا  
 إِلَيْهِ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ ۖ وَوَيْلٌ لِّلْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٧﴾  
 الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ  
 كَافِرُونَ ﴿٨﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
 لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ ﴿٩﴾ قُلْ أَيْنَ كُمْ لَتَكْفُرُونَ  
 بِالَّذِي خَلَقَ الْأَرْضَ فِيْ يَوْمَيْنِ وَتَجْعَلُونَ  
 لَهُٗٓ أَنْدَادًا ۚ ذَٰلِكَ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا  
 رَوَاسِيَ مِنْ فَوْقِهَا وَبَرَكَ فِيهَا وَقَدَّرَ فِيهَا  
 أَقْوَاتَهَا فِيْ أَرْبَعَةِ أَيَّامٍ ۖ سَوَاءٌ لِّلسَّائِلِينَ ﴿١١﴾

4. delivering good news and warning. Yet most of them turn away, so they do not hear. 5. They say, "Our hearts are veiled against what you are calling us to, there is deafness in our ears, and there is a barrier between us and you. So do 'whatever you want' and so shall we!"

#### A Message to the Deniers

6. Say, 'O Prophet,' "I am only a man like you, 'but' it has been revealed to me that your God is only One God. So take the Straight Way towards Him, and seek His forgiveness. And woe to the polytheists—  
 7. those who do not pay alms-tax and are in denial of the Hereafter.  
 8. 'But' those who believe and do good will certainly have a never-ending reward.

#### A Question to the Deniers

9. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "How can you disbelieve in the One Who created the earth in two Days? How can you set up equals with Him? That is the Lord of all worlds. 10. He placed on the earth firm mountains, standing high, showered His blessings upon it, and ordained 'all' its means of sustenance—totaling four Days exactly<sup>972</sup>—for all who ask.

11. Then He turned towards the heaven when it was 'still like' smoke, saying to it and to the earth, 'Submit, willingly or unwillingly.' They both responded, 'We submit willingly.' 12. So He formed the heaven into seven heavens in two Days, assigning to each its mandate. And We adorned the lowest heaven with 'stars like' lamps 'for beauty' and for protection. That is the design of the Almighty, All-Knowing.<sup>773</sup>

#### The Fate of 'Ad and Thamûd

13. If they turn away, then say, 'O Prophet,' "I warn you of a 'mighty' blast, like the one that befell 'Ad and Thamûd." 14. The messengers had come to them from all angles, 'proclaiming,' "Worship none but Allah." They responded, "Had our Lord willed, He could have easily sent down angels 'instead'. So we totally reject what you have been sent with." 15. As for 'Ad, they acted arrogantly throughout the land with no right, boasting, "Who is superior to us in might?" Did they not see that Allah 'Himself', Who created them, was far superior to them in might?

ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَهِيَ دُخَانٌ فَقَالَ لَهَا وَلِلْأَرْضِ ائْتِيَا طَوْعًا أَوْ كَرْهًا ۖ قَالَتَا أَتَيْنَا طَائِعِينَ ﴿١١﴾ فَقَضَاهُنَّ سَبْعَ سَمَوَاتٍ فِي يَوْمَيْنِ وَأَوْحَىٰ فِي كُلِّ سَمَاءٍ أَمْرَهَا ۖ وَزَيَّنَّا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْيَا بِمَصَابِيحَ ۖ وَحِفْظًا ۖ ذَٰلِكَ تَقْدِيرُ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ ﴿١٢﴾ فَإِنْ أَعْرَضُوا فَقُلْ أَنْذَرْتُكُمْ طُعْنَةً مِّثْلَ طُعْنَةِ عَادٍ وَثَمُودَ ﴿١٣﴾ إِذْ جَاءَتْهُمْ الرُّسُلُ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا اللَّهَ ۖ قَالُوا لَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّنَا لَأَنْزَلَ مَلَائِكَةً فَإِنَّا بِمَا أُرْسِلْتُمْ بِهِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ فَأَمَّا عَادُ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَقَالُوا مَنْ أَشَدُّ مِنَّا قُوَّةً ۖ أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُمْ هُوَ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً ۖ وَكَانُوا

بِآيَاتِنَا

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بِآيَاتِنَا يَجْحَدُونَ ﴿١٥﴾ فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ رِيًّا صَارَ  
 فِي أَيَّامٍ نَجَسَاتٍ لِنَذِيقَهُمْ عَذَابَ الْخَزْيِ  
 فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَلَعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةِ أَخْزَى  
 وَهُمْ لَا يُنصَرُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ وَأَمَّا ثَمُودُ فَهَدَيْنَاهُمْ فَاسْتَحَبُّوا  
 الْعَمَى عَلَى الْهُدَى فَأَخَذَتْهُمْ صَاعِقَةُ الْعَذَابِ  
 الَّتِي هُمْ بِهَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَنَجَّيْنَا الَّذِينَ  
 آمَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ وَيَوْمَ يُحْشَرُ أَعْدَاءُ اللَّهِ  
 إِلَى النَّارِ فَهُمْ يُوزَعُونَ ﴿١٩﴾ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا مَا جَاءُوهَا  
 شَهِدَ عَلَيْهِمْ سَمْعُهُمْ وَأَبْصَارُهُمْ وَجُلُودُهُمْ بِمَا  
 كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَقَالُوا الْجُلُودُ دُهْمُ لِمَ شَهِدْتُمْ  
 عَلَيْنَا قَالُوا أَنْطَقَنَا اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَنْطَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ  
 وَهُوَ خَلَقَكُمْ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ وَمَا  
 كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَتِرُونَ أَنْ يَشْهَدَ عَلَيْكُمْ سَمْعُكُمْ وَلَا

Still they persisted in denying Our signs. 16. So We sent against them a furious wind,<sup>974</sup> for 'several' miserable days, to make them taste a humiliating punishment in this worldly life. But far more humiliating will be the punishment of the Hereafter. And they will not be helped. 17. As for Thamûd, We showed them guidance, but they preferred blindness over guidance. So the blast of a disgracing punishment overtook them for what they used to commit. 18. And We delivered those who were faithful and were mindful 'of Allah'.

### Testimony of Organs

19. 'Consider' the Day 'when' the enemies of Allah will be gathered for the Fire, all driven in ranks. 20. When they reach it, their ears, eyes, and skin will testify against what they used to do.<sup>975</sup> 21. They will ask their skin 'furiously', "Why have you testified against us?" It will say, "We have been made to speak by Allah, Who causes all things to speak. He 'is the One Who' created you the first time, and to Him you were bound to return. 22. You did not 'bother to' hide yourselves from your ears, eyes, and skin to prevent them from testifying against you.

974 lit., a bitter and screaming wind.

975 It is reported in Ibn Kathîr's commentary that, on the Day of Judgment, the wicked will deny the evil deeds in their records—as a desperate attempt to escape the horrible punishment in Hell. They will be asked if they accept Allah, the angels, or even their own families and neighbours as witnesses. but they will refuse. So Allah will make their organs testify against them.

Rather, you assumed that Allah did not know much of what you used to do. 23. It was that 'false' assumption you entertained about your Lord that has brought about your doom, so you have become losers." 24. Even if they endure patiently, the Fire will 'always' be their home. And if they 'beg to' appease 'their Lord', they will never be allowed to.

#### What Caused That Fate

25. We placed at their disposal 'evil' associates who made their past and future 'misdeeds' appealing to them.<sup>976</sup> 'So' the fate of earlier communities of jinn and humans has been justified against them 'as well', 'for' they were truly losers. 26. The disbelievers advised 'one another', "Do not listen to this Quran but drown it out so that you may prevail." 27. So We will certainly make the disbelievers taste a severe punishment, and We will surely repay them according to the worst of their deeds. 28. That is the reward of Allah's enemies: the Fire, which will be their eternal home—

إِبْصَارُكُمْ وَلَا جُلُودُكُمْ وَلَكِنْ ظَنَنْتُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا  
يَعْلَمُ كَثِيرًا مِمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾ وَذَلِكُمْ ظَنُّكُمُ الَّذِي  
ظَنَنْتُمْ بِرَبِّكُمْ أَرْدَاكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾  
فَإِنْ يَصْْبِرُوا فَالنَّارُ مَثْوًى لَهُمْ ۖ وَإِنْ يَسْتَعْتَبُوا  
فَمَا هُمْ مِنَ الْمُعْتَبِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَقَيَّضْنَا لَهُمْ قُرَنَاءَ  
فَزَيَّنُوا لَهُمْ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَ  
حَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقَوْلُ فِي أُمِّ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ  
مِنَ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسِ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا خَاسِرِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾  
وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَسْمَعُوا لِهَذَا الْقُرْآنِ  
وَالْغَوَا فِيهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ فَلَنَذِيقَنَّ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا ۖ وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَسْوَأَ الَّذِي  
كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ ذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ أَعْدَاءِ اللَّهِ النَّارِ  
لَهُمْ فِيهَا دَارُ الْخُلْدِ ۖ جَزَاءُ إِيْمَا كَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا

يَجْحَدُونَ

مَنْزِلَ ٢٢

976 i.e., associating others with Allah in worship and dervng the Hereafter. See 43:36-37.

يَجْحَدُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا رَبَّنَا أَرِنَا  
الَّذِينَ أَضَلَّنا مِنَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنسِ نَجْعَلُهُمُا تَحْتَ  
أَقْدَامِنَا لِيَكُونَا مِنَ الْأَسْفَلِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ  
قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ  
أَلَّا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَبْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي  
كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ نَحْنُ أَوْلِيَائُكُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ  
الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَا تَشْتَهَى  
أَنفُسُكُمْ وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَا تَدَّعُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ نُزِّلَ مِنْ غُفُورٍ  
رَحِيمٍ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَ  
عَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَلَا تَسْتَوِ  
الْحَسَنَةُ وَلَا السَّيِّئَةُ ۖ إِنْ دَفَعُ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ  
فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ  
حَمِيمٌ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَمَا يُلْقِيهَا إِلَّا الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَمَا

يُلْقِيهَا إِلَّا

مَنْزِلٌ ۖ

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a "fitting" reward for their denial of Our revelations. 29. The disbelievers will "then" cry, "Our Lord! Show us those jinn and humans who led us astray: we will put them under our feet so that they will be among the lowest 'in Hell'."

#### Reward of the Devout

30. Surely those who say, "Our Lord is Allah," and then remain steadfast, the angels descend upon them,<sup>977</sup> "saying," "Do not fear, nor grieve. Rather, rejoice in the good news of Paradise, which you have been promised. 31. We are your supporters in this worldly life and in the Hereafter. There you will have whatever your souls desire, and there you will have whatever you ask for: 32. an accommodation from the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful 'Lord'."

#### Qualities of True Believers

33. And whose words are better than someone who calls "others" to Allah, does good, and says, "I am truly one of those who submit."<sup>978</sup> 34. Good and evil cannot be equal. Respond "to evil" with what is best, then the one you are in a feud with will be like a close friend. 35. But this cannot be attained except by those who are patient

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977 Especially at the time of their death.

978 lit., Muslims.



and who are truly fortunate. 36. And if you are tempted by Satan, then seek refuge with Allah. Indeed, He 'alone' is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

#### *Worship the Creator, Marvel at Creation*

37. Among His signs are the day and the night, the sun and the moon. Do not prostrate to the sun or the moon, but prostrate to Allah, Who created them 'all', if you 'truly' worship Him 'alone'. 38. But if the pagans are too proud, then 'let them know that' those 'angels' nearest to your Lord glorify Him day and night, and never grow weary. 39. And among His signs is that you see the earth devoid of life, but as soon as We send down rain upon it, it begins to stir 'to life' and swell. Indeed, the One Who revives it can easily revive the dead. He is certainly Most Capable of everything.

#### *Warning to the Quran Deniers*

40. Indeed, those who abuse Our revelations<sup>979</sup> are not hidden from Us. Who is better: the one who will be cast into the Fire or the one who will be secure on Judgment Day? Do whatever you want. He is certainly All-Seeing of what you do.

يُلْقِيهَا إِلَّا دُوحًا عَظِيمًا ۝ وَإِنَّمَا يَنزَغَنَّكَ مِنَ  
الشَّيْطَانِ نَزْغٌ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ ۝ وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ  
وَالْقَمَرُ ۚ لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا  
لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ ۝  
فَإِنِ اسْتَكْبَرُوا فَالَّذِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ يُسَبِّحُونَ  
لَهُ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَهُمْ لَا يَسْأَمُونَ ۝ وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ  
أَنَّكَ تَرَى الْأَرْضَ خَاشِعَةً فَإِذَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْهَا  
الْمَاءَ اهْتَرَتْ وَرَبَتْ ۚ إِنَّ الَّذِي أَحْيَاهَا لَمُحْيِ  
الْمَوْتِ ۚ إِنَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ  
يُلْحِدُونَ فِي آيَاتِنَا لَا يَخْفُونَ عَلَيْنَا ۚ أَفَمَنْ  
يُلْقَى فِي النَّارِ خَيْرٌ أَمْ مَنْ يَأْتِيَ آمِنًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۚ  
اعْمَلُوا مَا شِئْتُمْ ۚ إِنَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ۝ إِنَّ

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979 This refers to the noise the disbelievers used to make when the Quran was recited (see 41:26), or those who twist the meaning of Quranic passages and take them out of context.



41. Indeed, those who deny the Reminder<sup>980</sup> after it has come to them 'are doomed', for it is truly a mighty Book.
42. It cannot be proven false from any angle. 'It is' a revelation from the 'One Who is' All-Wise, Praiseworthy.
43. 'O Prophet!' Nothing is said to you 'by the deniers' except what was already said to the messengers before you. Surely your Lord is 'the Lord' of forgiveness and painful punishment.

#### Response to Demanding Non-Arabic Quran

44. Had We revealed it as a non-Arabic Quran, they would have certainly argued, "If only its verses were made clear 'in our language'. What! A non-Arabic revelation for an Arab audience!" Say, 'O Prophet,' "It is a guide and a healing to the believers. As for those who disbelieve, there is deafness in their ears and blindness to it 'in their hearts'. It is as if they are being called from a faraway place."<sup>981</sup>

#### Moses Was Denied Too

45. Indeed, We had given Moses the Scripture, but differences arose regarding it. Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord,<sup>982</sup> their differences would have been settled 'at once'. They are truly in alarming doubt about it.

#### The Good and the Wicked

46. Whoever does good, it is to their own benefit. And whoever does evil,

قَالَ خُصَّ بِتَسْمِيَةِ الْهَيْزَةِ الثَّانِيَةِ ١٢ ٢٥ ٢٦ ٢٧ ٢٨ ٢٩ ٣٠ ٣١ ٣٢ ٣٣ ٣٤ ٣٥ ٣٦ ٣٧ ٣٨ ٣٩ ٤٠ ٤١ ٤٢ ٤٣ ٤٤ ٤٥ ٤٦ ٤٧ ٤٨ ٤٩ ٥٠ ٥١ ٥٢ ٥٣ ٥٤ ٥٥ ٥٦ ٥٧ ٥٨ ٥٩ ٦٠ ٦١ ٦٢ ٦٣ ٦٤ ٦٥ ٦٦ ٦٧ ٦٨ ٦٩ ٧٠ ٧١ ٧٢ ٧٣ ٧٤ ٧٥ ٧٦ ٧٧ ٧٨ ٧٩ ٨٠ ٨١ ٨٢ ٨٣ ٨٤ ٨٥ ٨٦ ٨٧ ٨٨ ٨٩ ٩٠ ٩١ ٩٢ ٩٣ ٩٤ ٩٥ ٩٦ ٩٧ ٩٨ ٩٩ ١٠٠

it is to their own loss. Your Lord is never unjust to 'His' creation.

980 The Reminder is one of the names of the Quran.

981 So they neither hear nor understand the call.

982 That He will delay their judgment until the Hereafter.

## Allah's Infinite Knowledge

47. With Him 'alone' is the knowledge of the Hour. No fruit comes out of its husk, nor does a female conceive or deliver without His knowledge.

## Polytheists on Judgment Day

And 'consider' the Day He will call to them, "Where are My 'so-called' associate-gods?" They will cry, "We declare before you that none of us testifies to that 'any longer'." 48. Whatever 'idols' they used to invoke besides Allah will fail them. And they will realize that they will have no escape.

## Ingratitude of the Deniers

49. One never tires of praying for good. And if touched with evil, they become desperate and hopeless. 50. And if We let them taste a mercy from Us after being touched with adversity, they will certainly say, "This is what I deserve. I do not think the Hour will 'ever' come. And if in fact I am returned to my Lord, the finest reward with Him will definitely be mine." But We will surely inform the disbelievers of what they used to do. And We will certainly make them taste a harsh torment. 51. When We show favour to someone, they turn away, acting arrogantly. And when touched with evil, they make endless prayers 'for good'.

الْبَيْتُ الْخَامِسُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ (٢٥)

إِلَيْهِ يُرَدُّ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ ۖ وَمَا تَخْرُجُ مِنْ ثَمَرٍ  
مِّنْ أَكْثَامِهَا وَمَا تَحْمِلُ مِنْ أُنْثَىٰ وَلَا تَضَعُ  
إِلَّا بِعِلْمِهِ ۖ وَيَوْمَ يُنَادِيهِمْ إِيَنَّ شُرَكَاءِيَ لَا قَالُوا  
إِذْ نَكَحْنَا مِنْ شَرِيدٍ ۖ وَضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا  
كَانُوا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَظَنُّوا مَا لَهُمْ مِنَ  
مَّجِيسٍ ۖ لَا يَسْأَلُ الْإِنْسَانُ مِنْ دُعَاءِ الْخَيْرِ  
وَإِنْ مَسَّهُ الشَّرُّ فَيُوسِسْ قَنُوطٌ ۖ وَلَئِنْ أَذَقْنَاهُ  
رَحْمَةً مِنَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ ضَرَاءٍ مَسَّتْهُ لَيَقُولَنَّ هَذَا  
لِيَ ۖ وَمَا أَظُنُّ السَّاعَةَ قَائِمَةً ۖ وَلَئِنْ رُجِعْتُ إِلَىٰ  
رَبِّي إِنَّ لِي عِنْدَهُ لِلْحُسْنَىٰ ۖ فَلَنُنَبِّئَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
بِمَاعِيلُوا ۖ وَلَنُذِيقَنَّهُمْ مِنَ عَذَابٍ غَلِيظٍ ۖ  
وَإِذَا أَنْعَمْنَا عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ أَعْرَضَ وَنَأَىٰ بِجَانِبِهِ  
وَإِذَا مَسَّهُ الشَّرُّ فَذُو دُعَاءٍ عَرِيضٍ ۖ قُلْ

أَرَأَيْتُمْ

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أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ كَفَرْتُمْ بِهِ مَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّنْ هُوَ فِي شِقَاقٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿٥٢﴾ سَأُرِيهِمْ آيَاتِنَا فِي الْأَفَاقِ وَفِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ حَتَّى يَتَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ ۖ أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِ بِرَبِّكَ أَنَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ﴿٥٣﴾ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ فِي مَرِئَةٍ مِّنْ لِّقَاءِ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ أَلَا إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُّحِيطٌ ﴿٥٤﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٥٢﴾

حَمْدٌ ۝ عَسَقٌ ۝ كَذَلِكَ يُوحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ ۖ اللَّهُ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ۝ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ ۝ تَكَادُ السَّمُوتُ يَتَفَطَّرْنَ مِنْ فَوْقِهِنَّ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ

### Denying Allah's Revelation

52. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Imagine if this 'Quran' is 'truly' from Allah and you deny it: who can be more astray than those who have gone too far in opposition 'to the truth'?"

### Creation Testifies to the Truth

53. We will show them Our signs in the universe and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that this 'Quran' is the truth. Is it not enough that your Lord is a Witness over all things? 54. They are truly in doubt of the meeting with their Lord! 'But' He is indeed Fully Aware of everything.



### 42. Consultation (Ash-Shûra)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### Allah Almighty

1. *Hâ-Mîm*. 2. *'Aîn-Sîn-Qâf*. 3. And so you 'O Prophet' are sent revelation, just like those before you, by Allah—the Almighty, All-Wise. 4. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And He is the Most High, the Greatest. 5. The heavens nearly burst, one above the other, 'in awe of Him'. And the angels glorify the praises of their Lord,

and seek forgiveness for those on earth. Surely Allah alone is the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

### Allah Is the Protector

6. As for those who take other protectors besides Him, Allah is Watchful over them. And you 'O Prophet' are not a keeper over them. 7. And so We have revealed to you a Quran in Arabic, so you may warn the Mother of Cities<sup>983</sup> and everyone around it, and warn of the Day of Gathering—about which there is no doubt—'when' a group will be in Paradise and another in the Blaze. 8. Had Allah willed, He could have easily made all 'humanity' into a single community 'of believers'. But He admits into His mercy whoever He wills. And the wrongdoers will have no protector or helper. 9. How can they take protectors besides Him? Allah alone is the Protector. He 'alone' gives life to the dead. And He 'alone' is Most Capable of everything.

### Advice to the Believers

10. 'Say to the believers, O Prophet,' "Whatever you may differ about, its judgment rests with Allah. That is Allah—my Lord. In Him I put my trust, and to Him I 'always' turn."

وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَ لِمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ إِلَّا إِنْ أَمَرَ اللَّهُ  
هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ۝ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ  
دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهُ حَفِيفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ ۚ وَمَا أَنْتَ  
عَلَيْهِمْ بِوَكِيلٍ ۝ وَكَذَلِكَ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ  
قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا لَتُنذِرَ أُمَّ الْقُرَىٰ وَمَنْ حَوْلَهَا  
وَتُنذِرَ يَوْمَ الْجَمْعِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ ۖ فَرِيقٌ فِي الْجَنَّةِ  
وَفَرِيقٌ فِي السَّعِيرِ ۝ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَهُمْ أُمَّةً  
وَاحِدَةً ۚ وَلَكِنْ يُدْخِلُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ فِي رَحْمَتِهِ ۖ  
وَ الظَّالِمُونَ مَا لَهُمْ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ۝ أَمْ  
اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ ۚ قَالَ اللَّهُ هُوَ الْوَلِيُّ  
وَهُوَ يُحْيِي الْمَوْتَىٰ ۚ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝  
وَمَا اخْتَلَفْتُمْ فِيهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَحُكْمُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ ۖ  
ذَلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبِّي عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ ۖ وَإِلَيْهِ أُنِيبُ ۝

فَاطِرُ السَّمٰوٰتِ

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983 "The Mother of Cities" is an honorary title given to the City of Mecca because of its great religious significance as the home of Allah's first house of worship ever built on earth, and perhaps because of its central location as well.

قَاطِرُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ ۚ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِّنْ  
 اَنْفُسِكُمْ اَزْوَاجًا ۚ وَمِنَ الْاَنْعَامِ اَزْوَاجًا ؕ  
 يَذَرُوكُمْ فِيْهِ ۚ لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهٖ شَيْءٌ ؕ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
 الْبَصِيْرُ ۝۱۱ لَهُ مَقَالِيْدُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ ۚ يَبْسُطُ  
 الرِّزْقَ لِمَن يَّشَآءُ وَيَقْدِرُ ۚ إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
 عَلِيْمٌ ۝۱۲ شَرَعَ لَكُمْ مِّنَ الدِّيْنِ مَا وَصٰى بِهِ  
 نُوْحًا وَالَّذِيْ اَوْحَيْنَا اِلَيْكَ وَمَا وَصَّيْنَا بِهِ  
 اِبْرٰهِيْمَ وَمُوسٰى وَعِيسٰى اَنْ اَقِيْمُوا الدِّيْنَ  
 وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوْا فِيْهِ ۚ كَبُرَ عَلَى الْمُشْرِكِيْنَ مَا  
 تَدْعُوْهُمْ اِلَيْهِ ۚ اَللّٰهُ يَجْتَبِيْ اِلَيْهِ مَن يَّشَآءُ  
 وَيَهْدِيْ اِلَيْهِ مَن يُّنِيبُ ۝۱۳ وَمَا تَفَرَّقُوْا اِلَّا  
 مِنْۢ بَعْدِ مَا جَآءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَعِيًّا ۚ بَيْنَهُمْ ۚ وَلَوْ لَا  
 كَلِمَةٌ سَبَقَتْ مِنْ رَّبِّكَ اِلَىٰ اَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى لَّفُضِيَ

بَيْنَهُمْ

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### Allah Is the Creator and Provider

11. 'He is' the Originator of the heavens and the earth. He has made for you spouses from among yourselves, and 'made' mates for cattle 'as well'—multiplying you 'both'. There is nothing like Him, for He 'alone' is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing. 12. To Him belong the keys 'of the treasures' of the heavens and the earth. He gives abundant or limited provisions to whoever He wills. Indeed, He has 'perfect' knowledge of all things.

### One Message, Different Laws<sup>984</sup>

13. He has ordained for you 'believers' the Way which He decreed for Noah, and what We have revealed to you 'O Prophet' and what We decreed for Abraham, Moses, and Jesus,<sup>985</sup> 'commanding:' "Uphold the faith, and make no divisions in it." What you call the polytheists to is unbearable for them. Allah chooses for Himself whoever He wills, and guides to Himself whoever turns 'to Him'. 14. They did not split 'into sects' out of mutual envy until knowledge came to them.<sup>986</sup> Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord for an appointed term,<sup>987</sup> the matter would have certainly been settled between them 'at once'.

984 All prophets came with the same message: have faith in one God and do good. But each faith-community had their own law.

985 Like 33:7, this verse names the five greatest prophets of Islam: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad (ﷺ).

986 No community split into believers and disbelievers until they received the knowledge given by their prophet.

987 That He will delay their judgment until the Hereafter.

And surely those who were made to inherit the Scripture<sup>988</sup> after them are truly in alarming doubt about this "Quran".

*Call to the People of the Book*

15. Because of that, you "O Prophet" will invite "all". Be steadfast as you are commanded, and do not follow their desires. And say, "I believe in every Scripture Allah has revealed. And I am commanded to judge fairly among you. Allah is our Lord and your Lord. We will be accountable for our deeds and you for yours. There is no "need for" contention between us. Allah will gather us together "for judgment". And to Him is the final return." 16. As for those who dispute about Allah after He is "already" acknowledged "by many", their argument is futile in the sight of their Lord. Upon them is wrath, and they will suffer a severe punishment.

*A Reminder of the Hour*

17. It is Allah Who has revealed the Book with the truth and the balance "of justice". You never know, perhaps the Hour is near. 18. Those who disbelieve in it "ask to" hasten it "mockingly". But the believers are fearful of it, knowing that it is the truth.

بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ أُورِثُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ  
بَعْدِهِمْ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ مُرِيبٍ ۝۱۳ فَلِذَلِكَ فَادْعُ  
وَاسْتَقِمْ كَمَا أُمِرْتَ ۖ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ ۖ وَقُلْ  
آمَنْتُ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ كِتَابٍ ۖ وَأُمِرْتُ لِأَعْدِلَ  
بَيْنَكُمْ ۖ اللَّهُ رَبُّنَا وَرَبُّكُمْ ۖ لَنَا أَعْمَالُنَا  
وَلَكُمْ أَعْمَالُكُمْ ۖ لَا حُجَّةَ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ ۖ اللَّهُ  
يَجْمَعُ بَيْنَنَا ۖ وَالِيَهُ الْصَّيْرُ ۝۱۴ وَالَّذِينَ يُحَاجُّونَ  
فِي اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا اسْتُجِيبَ لَهُ حُجَّتُهُمْ  
دَاحِضَةٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ وَعَلَيْهِمْ غَضَبٌ ۖ وَلَهُمْ  
عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ ۝۱۵ اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ الْكِتَابَ  
بِالْحَقِّ وَالْيِزَانَ ۖ وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّ السَّاعَةَ  
قَرِيبٌ ۝۱۶ يَسْتَعْجِلُ بِهَا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهَا ۖ  
وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مُشْفِقُونَ مِنْهَا ۖ وَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهَا

الْحَقُّ ۖ لَاَ إِنْ الَّذِينَ يُمَارُونَ فِي السَّاعَةِ

لَفِي ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ ۝ ١٨ اللَّهُ لَطِيفٌ بِعِبَادِهِ يَرْزُقُ

مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَهُوَ الْقَوِيُّ الْعَزِيزُ ۝ ١٩ مَنْ كَانَ

يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الْآخِرَةِ نَزِدْ لَهُ فِي حَرْثِهِ ۚ وَمَنْ

كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الدُّنْيَا نُؤْتِهِ مِنْهَا ۖ وَمَا لَهُ فِي

الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ نَصِيبٍ ۝ ٢٠ أَمْ لَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ شَرَعُوا

لَهُمْ مِنَ الدِّينِ مَا لَمْ يَأْذَنْ بِهِ اللَّهُ ۖ وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةُ

الْفَصْلِ لَفُضِيَ بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ وَإِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ لَهُمْ

عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۝ ٢١ تَرَى الظَّالِمِينَ مُشْفِقِينَ مِمَّا

كَسَبُوا وَهُمْ وَهُوَ وَاقِعٌ بِهِمْ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا

الصَّالِحَاتِ فِي رَوْضَةٍ أَلْبَنَىٰ لَهُمْ مَا يَشَاءُونَ

عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَضْلُ الْكَبِيرُ ۝ ٢٢ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي

يُبَشِّرُ اللَّهُ عِبَادَهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ ۖ

Surely those who dispute about the Hour have gone far astray.

#### Allah's Graciousness

19. Allah is Ever Kind to His servants. He provides 'abundantly' to whoever He wills. And He is the All-Powerful, Almighty.

#### Worldly Gains and Heavenly Rewards

20. Whoever desires the harvest of the Hereafter, We will increase their harvest. And whoever desires 'only' the harvest of this world, We will give them some of it, but they will have no share in the Hereafter.

#### Reward of the Believers and Polytheists

21. Or do they have associate-gods who have ordained for them some 'polytheistic' beliefs, which Allah has not authorized? Had it not been for 'prior' decree on Judgment, the matter would have certainly been settled between them 'at once'. And surely the wrongdoers will suffer a painful punishment. 22. You will see the wrongdoers fearful 'of the punishment' for what they committed but it will be inevitable for them, whereas those who believe and do good will be in the lush Gardens of Paradise. They will have whatever they desire from their Lord. That is 'truly' the greatest bounty. 23. That 'reward' is the good news which Allah gives to His servants who believe and do good.

*Appeal to Meccan Pagans*

Say, 'O Prophet,' "I do not ask you for a reward for this 'message'--- only honour for 'our' kinship."<sup>989</sup> Whoever earns a good deed, We will increase it in goodness for them. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Appreciative.

*The Quran Fabricated?*

24. Or do they say, "He has fabricated a lie about Allah!"? "If you had," Allah would have sealed your heart, if He willed. And Allah wipes out falsehood and establishes the truth by His Words. He certainly knows best what is 'hidden' in the heart.

*Allah's Grace and Might*

25. He is the One Who accepts repentance from His servants and pardons 'their' sins. And He knows whatever you do. 26. He responds to those who believe and do good, and increases their reward out of His grace. As for the disbelievers, they will suffer a severe punishment.

*Allah's Mercy: Provisions and Rain*

27. Had Allah given abundant provisions to 'all' His servants, they would have certainly transgressed throughout the land. But He sends down whatever He wills in perfect measure. He is truly All-Aware, All-Seeing of His servants. 28. He is the One Who sends down rain after people have given up hope, spreading out His mercy.

قُلْ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمَوَدَّةَ فِي الْقُرْبَىٰ  
وَمَنْ يَتَّقِرْ فَحَسَنَةٌ تَزِدُّ لَهُ فِيهَا حُسْنًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
غَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ ﴿٢٢﴾ أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا  
فَإِنْ يَشَأِ اللَّهُ يُخْتِمْ عَلَىٰ قَلْبِكَ ۖ وَيَمْحِ اللَّهُ  
الْبَاطِلَ وَيُحِقُّ الْحَقَّ بِكَلِمَاتِهِ ۖ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ  
بِدَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَقْبَلُ التَّوْبَةَ  
عَنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَعْفُو عَنِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَيَسْتَجِيبُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا  
الصَّالِحَاتِ وَيَزِيدُهُمْ مِّنْ فَضْلِهِ ۖ وَالْكَافِرُونَ  
لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ ﴿٢٥﴾ وَلَوْ بَسَطَ اللَّهُ الرِّزْقَ لِعِبَادِهِ  
لَبَغَوْا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنْ يُنْزِلُ بِقَدَرٍ مَّا يَشَاءُ ۖ  
إِنَّهُ بِعِبَادِهِ خَبِيرٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُنْزِلُ  
الْغَيْثَ مِّنْ بَعْدِ مَا قَنَطُوا وَيَنْشُرُ رَحْمَتَهُ ۖ وَهُوَ

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*Allah's Mercy: The Universe*

29. And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and all living beings He dispersed throughout both. And He is Most Capable of bringing all together whenever He wills. 30. Whatever affliction befalls you is because of what your own hands have committed. And He pardons much. 31. You can never escape 'Him' on earth, nor do you have any protector or helper besides Allah.

*Allah's Mercy: Sailing Ships*

32. And among His signs are the ships like mountains 'sailing' in the sea. 33. If He wills, He can calm the wind, leaving the ships motionless on the water. Surely in this are signs for whoever is steadfast, grateful. 34. Or He can wreck the ships for what the people have committed—though He forgives much— 35. so those who dispute about Our signs may know that they have no refuge.

*Qualities of the Devout*

36. Whatever 'pleasure' you have been given is 'no more than a fleeting' enjoyment of this worldly life. But what is with Allah is far better and more lasting for those who believe and put their trust in their Lord; 37. who avoid major sins and shameful deeds,

الْوَلِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقَ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَثَّ فِيهِمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ ۖ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ جَمْعِهِمْ إِذَا يَشَاءُ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٣٠﴾ وَمَا أَصَابَكُمْ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فِيمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِيكُمْ وَيَعْفُوا عَنْ كَثِيرٍ ﴿٣١﴾ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُعْجِزِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ وَمَا لَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ﴿٣٢﴾ وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ الْجَوَارِ فِي الْبَحْرِ كَالْأَعْلَامِ ﴿٣٣﴾ إِنْ يَشَأْ يُسْكِنِ الرِّيحَ فَيَظْلَلْنَ رَوَاكِدَ عَلَى ظَهْرِهِ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ ﴿٣٤﴾ أَوْ يُوقِظْهُنَّ بِمَا كَسَبُوا وَيَعْفُ عَنْ كَثِيرٍ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَيَعْلَمَ الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي آيَاتِنَا مَا لَهُمْ مِنْ مَّخِصٍ ﴿٣٦﴾ فَمَا أُوتِيتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَمَتَاعُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ۚ وَمَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَىٰ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَالَّذِينَ يَحْتَبُونَ

and forgive when angered; 38. who respond to their Lord, establish prayer, conduct their affairs by mutual consultation, and donate from what We have provided for them; 39. and who enforce justice when wronged. 40. The reward of an evil deed is its equivalent. But whoever pardons and seeks reconciliation, then their reward is with Allah. He certainly does not like the wrongdoers. 41. There is no blame on those who enforce justice after being wronged. 42. Blame is only on those who wrong people and transgress in the land unjustly. It is they who will suffer a painful punishment. 43. And whoever endures patiently and forgives—surely this is a resolve to aspire to.

#### *The Wicked on Judgment Day*

44. And whoever Allah leaves to stray will have no guide after Him. You will see the wrongdoers, when they face the torment, pleading, "Is there any way back 'to the world'?" 45. And you will see them exposed to the Fire, fully humbled out of disgrace, stealing glances 'at it'.

كَبِيرَ الْإِثْمِ وَالْفَوَاحِشَ وَإِذَا مَا غَضِبُوا هُمْ يَغْفِرُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾  
وَالَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَمْرُهُمْ  
شُورَىٰ بَيْنَهُمْ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَالَّذِينَ  
إِذَا أَصَابَهُمُ الْبَغْيُ هُمْ يَنْتَصِرُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾ وَجَزَاءُ سَيِّئَةٍ  
سَيِّئَةً ۖ مِّثْلُهَا ۚ فَمَنْ عَفَا وَأَصْلَحَ فَأَجْرُهُ عَلَى  
اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَا يَجِبُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤١﴾ وَلَمَنِ اتَّصَرَ بَعْدَ  
ظُلْمِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ مَا عَلَيْهِمْ مِّنْ سَبِيلٍ ﴿٤٢﴾ إِنَّمَا السَّبِيلُ  
عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَظْلِمُونَ النَّاسَ وَيَبْغُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٤٣﴾ وَلَمَنِ صَبَرَ  
وَعَفَرَ إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ لَمِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَمَنْ يُضْلِلِ  
اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ مِّنْ بَعْدِهِ ۚ وَتَرَى الظَّالِمِينَ  
لَمَّا سَاءُوا الْعَذَابَ يَقُولُونَ هَلْ إِلَىٰ مَرَدٍّ مِّنْ  
سَبِيلٍ ﴿٤٥﴾ وَتَرَهُمْ يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَيْهَا خَشِيعِينَ مِّنْ

الَّذِينَ يَنْظُرُونَ مِنْ طَرْفٍ خَفِيٍّ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ  
 آمَنُوا إِنَّ الْخَاسِرِينَ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ  
 وَأَهْلِيَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۚ أَلَا إِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ فِي  
 عَذَابٍ مُّقِيمٍ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَمَا كَانَ لَهُمْ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءَ  
 يَنْصُرُونَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَنْ يُضْلِلِ اللَّهُ  
 فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ سَبِيلٍ ﴿٣٦﴾ اسْتَجِيبُوا لِرَبِّكُمْ مِنْ  
 قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ يَوْمٌ لَا مَرَدَّ لَهُ مِنَ اللَّهِ ۚ مَا لَكُمْ  
 مِنْ مَلْجَأٍ يَوْمَئِذٍ وَمَا لَكُمْ مِنْ تَكْوِيلٍ ﴿٣٧﴾ فَإِنْ  
 اعْرَضُوا فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا ۚ إِنَّ عَلَيْكَ  
 إِلَّا الْبَلْعُ ۚ وَإِنَّا إِذَا أَذَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنَّا رَحْمَةً  
 فَحَرَّ بِهَاءٍ وَإِنْ تَصَبَّهُمْ سَيِّئَةٌ ۖ جَمًّا قَدَّ مَتَّ أَيْدِيَهُمْ  
 فَإِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ كَفُورٌ ﴿٣٨﴾ لِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ  
 وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ ۚ يَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ إِنَاقًا

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And the believers will say, "The 'true' losers are those who have lost themselves and their families on Judgment Day." The wrongdoers will certainly be in everlasting torment. 46. They will have no protectors to help them against Allah. And whoever Allah leaves to stray, for them there is no way.

#### Warning to the Disbelievers

47. Respond to your Lord before the coming of a Day from Allah that cannot be averted. There will be no refuge for you then, nor 'grounds for' denial 'of sins'.<sup>990</sup> 48. But if they turn away, We have not sent you 'O Prophet' as a keeper over them. Your duty is only to deliver 'the message'.

#### Ungrateful Disbelievers

And indeed, when We let someone taste a mercy from Us, they become prideful 'because' of it. But when afflicted with evil because of what their hands have done, then one becomes totally ungrateful.<sup>991</sup>

#### Allah's Gift of Children

49. To Allah 'alone' belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He creates whatever He wills.

990 Other possible translations: 1. "You will have no refuge then, nor will you have an advocate 'against punishment'." 2. "You will have no refuge then, nor 'grounds' to protest 'the torment'."

991 They totally deny previous favours.

He blesses whoever He wills with daughters, and blesses whoever He wills with sons, 50. or grants both, sons and daughters, 'to whoever He wills', and leaves whoever He wills infertile. He is indeed All-Knowing, Most Capable.

#### Forms of Divine Communication

51. It is not 'possible' for a human being to have Allah communicate with them, except through inspiration, or from behind a veil, or by sending a messenger-angel to reveal whatever He wills by His permission. He is surely Most High, All-Wise.

#### The Light of the Quran

52. And so We have sent to you 'O Prophet' a revelation by Our command. You did not know of 'this' Book and faith 'before'. But We have made it a light, by which We guide whoever We will of Our servants. And you are truly leading 'all' to the Straight Path— 53. the Path of Allah, to Whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Surely to Allah all matters will return 'for judgment'.



#### 43. Ornaments (Az-Zukhruf)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

وَيَهَبُ لِمَن يَشَاءُ الذَّكُورَ ۖ أَوْ يُزَوِّجُهُمْ ذُكْرَانًا ۖ  
 إِنَّا تَاءَتَيْنَا ۖ وَبِجَعَلُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ عَاقِبَةً ۖ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ قَدِيرٌ ۝  
 وَمَا كَانَ لِبَشَرٍ أَنْ يُكَلِّمَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا وَحْيًا أَوْ مِنْ  
 وَرَآئِ حِجَابٍ أَوْ يُرْسِلَ رَسُولًا فَيُوحِيَ بِإِذْنِهِ  
 مَا يَشَاءُ ۖ إِنَّهُ عَلَىٰ حَكِيمٍ ۝ وَكَذَلِكَ أَوْحَيْنَا  
 إِلَيْكَ رُوحًا مِّنْ أَمْرِنَا ۖ مَا كُنتَ تَدْرِي مَا الْكِتَابُ  
 وَلَا الْإِيمَانُ وَلَكِنْ جَعَلْنَاهُ نُورًا نَّهْدِي بِهِ مَن

نَشَاءُ ۖ مِّنْ عِبَادِنَا ۖ وَإِنَّكَ لَتَهْدِي إِلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ  
 مُّسْتَقِيمٍ ۝ صِرَاطِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ  
 وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ لَا إِلَىٰ إِلَهِ تَصِيرُ الْأُمُورُ ۝

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝  
 حَمْدٌ ۝ وَالْكِتَابِ الْبَيِّنِ ۝ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَاهُ قُرْءَانًا

#### Excellence of the Quran

1. *Hâ-Mîm*. 2. By the clear Book! 3. Certainly, We have made it a Quran in Arabic

عَرَبِيًّا لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢﴾ وَإِنَّهُ فِي أُمِّ الْكِتَابِ  
 لَدَيْنَا لَعَلَىٰ حَكِيمٍ ﴿٣﴾ أَفَضْرِبُ عَنْكُمْ الذِّكْرَ صَفْحًا  
 أَنْ كُنْتُمْ قَوْمًا مُّسْرِفِينَ ﴿٤﴾ وَكَمْ أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ نَبِيٍّ  
 فِي الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٥﴾ وَمَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ نَبِيٍّ إِلَّا كَانُوا بِهِ  
 يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٦﴾ فَأَهْلَكْنَا أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ بَطْشًا وَامْضَى  
 مَثَلُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٧﴾ وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمُوتِ  
 وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ خَلَقَهُنَّ الْعَزِيزُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٨﴾ الَّذِي  
 جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ مَهْدًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ فِيهَا سُبُلًا  
 لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿٩﴾ وَالَّذِي نَزَّلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً  
 بِقَدَرٍ فَأَنْشَرْنَا بِهِ بَلْدَةً مَيِّتًا ۚ كَذَلِكَ تُخْرَجُونَ ﴿١٠﴾  
 وَالَّذِي خَلَقَ الْأَزْوَاجَ كُلَّهَا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ مِنَ  
 الْفُلْكِ وَالْأَنْعَامِ مَا تَرْكَبُونَ ﴿١١﴾ لِتَسْتَوُوا عَلَىٰ ظُهُورِهِ  
 ثُمَّ تَذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ رَبِّكُمْ إِذَا اسْتَوَيْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ وَ

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so perhaps you will understand.  
 4. And indeed, it is—in the Master Record<sup>992</sup> with Us—highly esteemed, rich in wisdom.

#### Warning to the Deniers

5. Should We then turn the 'Qurānic' Reminder away from you 'simply' because you have been a transgressing people? 6. 'Imagine' how many prophets We sent to those 'destroyed' before! 7. But no prophet ever came to them without being mocked. 8. So We destroyed those who were far mightier than these 'Meccans'. The examples of 'their' predecessors have 'already' been related.<sup>993</sup>

#### Allah Is the Creator

9. If you ask them 'O Prophet' who created the heavens and the earth, they will certainly say, "The Almighty, All-Knowing did." 10. 'He is the One' Who has laid out the earth for you, and set in it pathways for you so that you may find your way. 11. And 'He is the One' Who sends down rain from the sky in perfect measure, with which We give life to a lifeless land. And so will you be brought forth 'from the grave'. 12. And 'He is the One' Who created all 'things in' pairs,<sup>994</sup> and made for you ships and animals to ride 13. so that you may sit firmly on their backs, and remember your Lord's blessings

once you are settled on them, saying,

992 This refers to the Preserved Tablet, *Al-Lawh Al-Mahfûz*, in which Allah has written the destiny of His entire creation.

993 For example, in the stories of the people of Noah, Lot, Shu'aib and other nations that were destroyed, found throughout the Quran.

994 For example, male and female, sweet and bitter, day and night, plains and mountains, heat and cold, light and darkness.

“Glory be to the One Who has subjected these for us, for we could have never done so ‘on our own’. 14. And surely to our Lord we will ‘all’ return.”

### Allah's Daughters?

15. Still the pagans have made some of His creation out to be a part of Him.<sup>995</sup> Indeed, humankind is clearly ungrateful. 16. Has He taken ‘angels as His’ daughters from what He created, and favoured you ‘O pagans’ with sons? 17. Whenever one of them is given the good news of what they attribute to the Most Compassionate,<sup>996</sup> his face grows gloomy, as he suppresses his rage. 18. ‘Do they attribute to Him’ those who are brought up in fineries and are not commanding in disputes? 19. Still they have labelled the angels, who are servants of the Most Compassionate, as female. Did they witness their creation? Their statement will be recorded, and they will be questioned!

### Blind Following

20. And they argue, “Had the Most Compassionate willed, we would have never worshipped them.” They have no knowledge ‘in support’ of this ‘claim’. They do nothing but lie. 21. Or have We given them a Book ‘for proof’, before this ‘Quran’, to which they are holding firm? 22. In fact, they say, “We found our forefathers following a ‘particular’ way, and we are following in their footsteps.”

تَقُولُوا سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرْنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ  
مُقِرِّينَ ۖ وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ ۝ وَجَعَلُوا لَهُ  
مِنْ عِبَادِهِ جُزْءًا ۖ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَكَفُورٌ مُّبِينٌ ۝  
أَمْ اتَّخَذَ مِمَّا يَخْلُقُ بَنَاتٍ وَأَصْفَكُمْ بِالْبَنِينَ ۝  
وَإِذَا بُشِّرَ أَحَدُهُمْ بِمَا ضَرَبَ لِلرَّحْمَنِ مَثَلًا ظَلَّ  
وَجْهُهُ مُسْوَدًّا وَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ ۝ أَوْ مِنْ يَنْشَأُ فِي  
الْحُلِيِّ وَهُوَ فِي الْخِصَامِ غَيْرُ مُبِينٍ ۝ وَجَعَلُوا  
الْمَلَائِكَةَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عِبْدُ الرَّحْمَنِ إِنَاثًا ۖ أَشْهَدُوا  
خَلْقَهُمْ ۖ سَتُكْتَبُ شَهَادَتُهُمْ وَيُسْأَلُونَ ۝ وَقَالُوا  
لَوْ شَاءَ الرَّحْمَنُ مَا عَبَدْنَاهُمْ ۖ مَا لَهُمْ بِذَلِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ  
إِنَّ هُمْ إِلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ ۝ أَمْ أَتَيْنَاهُمْ كِتَابًا مِنْ قَبْلِهِ  
فَرُمُ بِهِ مُسْتَمْسِكُونَ ۝ بَلْ قَالُوا إِنَّا وَجَدْنَا آبَاءَنَا  
عَلَىٰ أُمَّةٍ وَإِنَّا عَلَىٰ آثَرِهِمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ ۝ وَكَذَلِكَ مَا

995 See footnote for 37:149.

996 i.e., the birth of a baby girl.

أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ فِي قَرْيَةٍ مِّنْ تَذِيرٍ إِلَّا قَالَ  
 مُتْرَفُوهَا إِنَّا وَجَدْنَا آبَاءَنَا عَلَىٰ أَمَّةٍ وَّ إِنَّا عَلَىٰ  
 أَثَرِهِمْ مُّقْتَدُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ قُلْ أَوَلَوْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِأَهْدَىٰ مِمَّا  
 وَجَدْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَكُمْ ۖ قَالُوا إِنَّا بِمَا أُرْسِلْتُمْ بِهِ  
 كَافِرُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ فَانْتَقَمْنَا مِنْهُمْ فَأَنْظَرُكَيْفَ كَانَ  
 عَاقِبَةُ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ لِأَبِيهِ  
 وَقَوْمِهِ اتَّبِعُوا بَرَاءً مِّمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِي فَطَرَنِي  
 فَإِنَّهُ سَيَهْدِينِ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَجَعَلَهَا كَلِمَةً بَّاقِيَةً فِي  
 عَقْبِهِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ بَلْ مَتَّعْتُ هَؤُلَاءِ وَ  
 آبَاءَهُمْ حَتَّىٰ جَاءَهُمُ الْحَقُّ وَرَسُولٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَلَمَّا  
 جَاءَهُمُ الْحَقُّ قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ وَإِنَّا بِهِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾  
 وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ عَلَىٰ رَجُلٍ مِّنَ  
 الْقَرْيَتَيْنِ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٣١﴾ أَهَمْ يَقْسِمُونَ رَحْمَتَ رَبِّكَ ۖ

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23. Similarly, whenever We sent a warner to a society before you 'O Prophet', its 'spoiled' elite would say, "We found our forefathers following a 'particular' way, and we are walking in their footsteps." 24. Each 'warner' asked, "Even if what I brought you is better guidance than what you found your forefathers practicing?" They replied, "We totally reject whatever you have been sent with." 25. So We inflicted punishment upon them. See then what was the fate of the deniers!

#### The Case of Abraham's People

26. 'Remember, O Prophet' when Abraham declared to his father and his people, "I am totally free of whatever 'gods' you worship, 27. except the One Who originated me, and He will surely guide me." 28. And he left this enduring declaration among his descendants, so they may 'always' turn back 'to Allah'.<sup>997</sup>

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29. In fact, I had allowed enjoyment for these 'Meccans' and their forefathers, until the truth came to them along with a messenger making things clear. 30. 'But' when the truth came to them, they said, "This is magic, and we totally reject it." 31. And they exclaimed, "If only this Quran was revealed to a great man from 'one of' the two cities!"<sup>998</sup>

32. Is it they who distribute your Lord's mercy?

We 'alone' have distributed their 'very' livelihood among them in this worldly life and raised some of them in rank above others so that some may employ others in service. 'But' your Lord's mercy is far better than whatever 'wealth' they amass.

#### Worthlessness of Material Wealth

33. Were it not that people might 'be tempted to' become one community 'of disbelievers', We would have supplied the homes of 'only' those who disbelieve in the Most Compassionate with silver roofs and 'silver' stairways to ascend, 34. as well as 'silver' gates and thrones to recline on, 35. and ornaments 'of gold'. Yet all this is no more than a 'fleeting' enjoyment in this worldly life. 'But' the Hereafter with your Lord is 'only' for those mindful 'of Him'.

#### Devilish Associates

36. And whoever turns a blind eye to the Reminder of the Most Compassionate, We place at the disposal of each a devilish one as their close associate, 37. who will certainly hinder them from the 'Right' Way while they think they are 'rightly' guided. 38. But when such a person comes to Us, one will say 'to their associate', "I wish you were as distant from me as the east is from the west! What an evil associate 'you were'!" 39. 'It will be said to both,' "Since you all did wrong,

نَحْنُ قَسَمًا بَيْنَهُمْ مَعِيشَتَهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَ  
رَفَعْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ دَرَجَاتٍ لِّيَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُهُمْ  
بَعْضًا سُخْرِيًّا وَرَحِمْتُ رَبِّكَ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَلَوْلَا  
أَنْ يَكُونَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً لَجَعَلْنَا لَبِئْسَ يَكْفُرُ  
بِالرَّحْمَنِ لِبُيُوتِهِمْ سُقْفًا مِّنْ فِضَّةٍ وَمَعَارِجَ عَلَيْهَا  
يَظْهَرُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَلِبُيُوتِهِمْ أَبْوَابًا وَسُرُرًا عَلَيْهَا  
يَتَكُونُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ وَزُخْرَفًا وَإِنْ كُلُّ ذَلِكَ لَمَّا مَتَاعُ الْحَيَاةِ  
الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةُ عِندَ رَبِّكَ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَمَنْ  
يَعُشْ عَنِ ذِكْرِ الرَّحْمَنِ نَقِيضٌ لَهُ شَيْطَانًا فَهُوَ لَهُ  
قَرِينٌ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَإِنَّهُمْ لَيَصُدُّوهُمْ عَنْ السَّبِيلِ وَيُحْسَبُونَ  
أَنَّهُمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَنَا قَالَ يَلَيْتَ بَيْنِي  
وَبَيْنَكَ بُعْدَ الْمَشْرِقَيْنِ فَبِئْسَ الْقَرِينُ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَلَنْ  
يَنْفَعَكُمُ الْيَوْمَ إِذْ ظَلَمْتُمْ أَنَّكُمْ فِي الْعَذَابِ

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مُشْتَرِكُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ أَفَأَنْتَ تُسْمِعُ الصُّمَّ أَوْ تَهْدِي الْعُمْى  
 وَمَنْ كَانَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٤٠﴾ فَمَا نَذَرْنَا بِكَ  
 فَإِنَّا مِنْهُمْ مُنْتَقِمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾ أَوْ نُرِيكَ الَّذِي وَعَدْنَاهُمْ  
 فَإِنَّا عَلَيْهِمْ مُّقْتَدِرُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ فَاسْتَمْسِكْ بِالَّذِي أُوحِيَ  
 إِلَيْكَ ۚ إِنَّكَ عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٤٣﴾ وَإِنَّهُ لَذِكْرٌ لَكَ  
 وَلِقَوْمِكَ ۚ وَسَوْفَ تُسْأَلُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَسَأَلَ مَنْ أَرْسَلْنَا  
 مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رُسُلِنَا ۚ أَجَعَلْنَا مِنْ دُونِ الرَّحْمَنِ  
 آلِهَةً يُعْبَدُونَ ﴿٤٥﴾ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَى بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَى  
 فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِ فَقَالَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾  
 فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِآيَاتِنَا إِذَا هُمْ مِنْهَا يَضْحَكُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَمَا نُرِيهِمْ  
 مِنْ آيَةٍ إِلَّا هِيَ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ أُخْتِهَا ۚ وَأَخَذْنَاهُمْ بِالْعَذَابِ  
 لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾ وَقَالُوا يَا أَيُّهُ السَّحَرَاءُ لَنَا رَبُّكَ  
 بِمَا عَهِدَ عِنْدَكَ ۚ إِنَّا لَمُهْتَدُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ فَلَمَّا كَشَفْنَا

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sharing in the punishment will be of no benefit to you this Day.<sup>999</sup>

#### Advice to the Prophet

40. Can you make the deaf hear, or guide the blind or those clearly astray? 41. Even if We take you away 'from this world', We will surely inflict punishment upon them. 42. Or if We show you what We threaten them with, We certainly have full power over them. 43. So hold firmly to what has been revealed to you 'O Prophet'. You are truly on the Straight Path. 44. Surely this 'Quran' is a glory for you and your people. And you will 'all' be questioned 'about it'. 45. Ask 'the followers of' the messengers that We already sent before you if We 'ever' appointed 'other' gods to be worshipped besides the Most Compassionate.

#### The Case of Pharaoh's People

46. Indeed, We sent Moses with Our signs to Pharaoh and his chiefs, and he said: "I am a messenger of the Lord of all worlds." 47. But as soon as he came to them with Our signs, they laughed at them, 48. although every sign We showed them was greater than the one before.<sup>1000</sup> Ultimately, We seized them with torments so that they might return 'to the Right Path'.<sup>1001</sup> 49. 'Then' they pleaded, "O 'mighty' magician! Pray to your Lord on our behalf, by virtue of the covenant He made with you.<sup>1002</sup> We will certainly accept guidance."

50. But as soon as We removed the torments from them,

999 From a worldly perspective, many people are comforted when they hear of others who went through similar trials as them. But this will not be the case on Judgment Day. Everyone will be desperate to save themselves from the punishment, regardless of others.

1000 i.e., the hand and the staff (see 20:17-22).

1001 The torments were: famine, shortage of crops, floods, locusts, lice, frogs, and blood (see 7:130-133).

1002 See 7:134.

they broke their promise.

### Pharaoh's Arrogance

51. And Pharaoh called out to his people, boasting, "O my people! Am I not sovereign over Egypt as well as 'all' these streams<sup>1003</sup> flowing at my feet? Can you not see? 52. Am I not better than this nobody who can hardly express himself?<sup>1004</sup> 53. Why then have no golden bracelets 'of kingship' been granted to him or angels come with him as escorts!" 54. And so he fooled his people, and they obeyed him. They were truly a rebellious people. 55. So when they enraged Us, We inflicted punishment upon them, drowning them all. 56. And We made them an example and a lesson for those after them.

### All Objects of Worship in Hell?

57. When the son of Mary was cited as an example 'in argument', your people 'O Prophet' broke into 'joyful' applause.<sup>1005</sup> 58. They exclaimed, "Which is better: our gods or Jesus?" They cite him only to argue. In fact, they are a people prone to dispute. 59. He was only a servant We showed favour to, and made as an example for the Children of Israel. 60. Had We willed, We could have easily replaced you 'all' with angels,<sup>1006</sup>

عَنْهُمْ الْعَذَابَ إِذَا هُمْ يَنْكُثُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ وَنَادَىٰ فِرْعَوْنُ  
فِي قَوْمِهِ قَالَ يَقَوْمِ أَلَيْسَ لِي مُلْكُ مِصْرَ وَهَذِهِ  
الْأَنْهَارُ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِي ۚ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾ أَمْ أَنَا  
خَيْرٌ مِّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي هُوَ مَهِينٌ ۖ وَلَا يَكَادِبِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾  
فَلَوْلَا أُلْقِيَ عَلَيْهِ أَسْوِرَةٌ مِّنْ ذَهَبٍ أَوْ جَاءَ مَعَهُ  
الْمَلَائِكَةُ مُقْتَرِنِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾ فَاسْتَخَفَّ قَوْمَهُ فَطَاعُوهُ ۖ  
إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمًا فَاسِقِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾ فَلَمَّا أَسَفَوْنَا انْتَقَمْنَا  
مِنْهُمْ فَأَغْرَقْنَاهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾ فَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ سَلَفًا وَمَثَلًا  
لِّلْآخِرِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَلَمَّا ضُرِبَ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ مَثَلًا إِذَا قَوْمُكَ  
مِنْهُ يَصِدُّونَ ﴿٥٨﴾ وَقَالُوا ۖ إِلَٰهِنَا خَيْرٌ أَمْ هُوَ ۖ مَا  
ضَرَبُوهُ لَكَ إِلَّا جَدَلًا ۖ بَلْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ خَصِمُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾  
إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا عَبْدٌ أَنْعَمْنَا عَلَيْهِ وَجَعَلْنَاهُ مَثَلًا لِّبَنِي  
إِسْرَءِيلَ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَلَوْ نَشَاءُ لَجَعَلْنَا مِنْكُمْ مَلَائِكَةً فِي

الْأَرْضِ يَخْلُقُونَ

مَنْزِلَ ٦

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1003 Branches of the Nile.

1004 Moses used to have a speech impediment. But when he became a prophet he prayed to Allah to help him speak clearly, and his prayer was answered (see 20:25-36).

1005 When 21:98 was revealed, warning the polytheists that all false gods will be in Hell, 'Abdullâh ibn Az-Ziba'ra, a poet who always attacked Islam, argued with the Prophet (ﷺ) that if what the verse says is true, then Jesus will be in Hell as well! The polytheists, who were present, laughed in agreement with this argument. The Prophet (ﷺ) replied that the verse was talking exclusively about idols, adding that Jesus himself did not ask anyone to worship him. Verse 21:101 was later revealed in support of the Prophet's argument. Eventually, 'Abdullâh accepted Islam.

1006 Or "We could have easily produced angels from you ..."

الْأَرْضِ يَخْلَفُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾ وَإِنَّهُ لَعِلْمٌ لِلْسَّاعَةِ فَلَا تَمْتَرْنَ  
 بِهَا وَاتَّبِعُونِ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿٦١﴾ وَلَا يَصُدَّكُمْ  
 الشَّيْطَانُ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ ﴿٦٢﴾ وَلَمَّا جَاءَ عِيسَى  
 بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالَ قَدْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِالْحِكْمَةِ وَلِإِبْرَاهِيمَ لَكُمْ  
 بَعْضُ الَّذِي تَخْتَلِفُونَ فِيهِ ۖ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا ﴿٦٣﴾  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ ۖ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ  
 مُسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿٦٤﴾ فَاخْتَلَفَ الْأَحْزَابُ مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ ۖ  
 فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْ عَذَابٍ يَوْمَ الْيَوْمِ ﴿٦٥﴾ هَلْ  
 يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا السَّاعَةَ أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ لَا  
 يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾ أَلَا خِلَاءٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ  
 إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٦٧﴾ يَعْبَادُ لَخَوْفٍ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا أَنْتُمْ  
 تَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٦٩﴾  
 ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ أَنْتُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ تُحْبَرُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾ يُطَافُ

succeeding one another on earth.  
 61. And his 'second' coming is truly  
 a sign for the Hour. So have no doubt  
 about it, and follow me. This is the  
 Straight Path. 62. And do not let Sa-  
 tan hinder you, 'for' he is certainly  
 your sworn enemy.

#### The Truth About Jesus

63. When Jesus came with clear  
 proofs, he declared, "I have come  
 to you with wisdom, and to clar-  
 ify to you some of what you differ  
 about. So fear Allah, and obey me.  
 64. Surely Allah 'alone' is my Lord  
 and your Lord, so worship Him  
 'alone'. This is the Straight Path."  
 65. Yet their 'various' groups have  
 differed among themselves 'about  
 him', so woe to the wrongdoers  
 when they face the torment of a pain-  
 ful Day! 66. Are they waiting for the  
 Hour to take them by surprise when  
 they least expect 'it'?

#### Reward of the Righteous

67. Close friends will be enemies to one  
 another on that Day, except the righ-  
 teous, 68. 'who will be told,' "O My  
 servants! There is no fear for you To-  
 day, nor will you grieve— 69. 'those'  
 who believed in Our signs and 'fully'  
 submitted 'to Us'. 70. Enter Paradise,  
 you and your spouses, rejoicing."  
 71. Golden trays and cups

will be passed around to them. There will be whatever the souls desire and the eyes delight in. And you will be there forever. 72. That is the Paradise which you will be awarded for what you used to do. 73. There you will have abundant fruit<sup>1007</sup> to eat from.

#### Reward of the Wicked

74. Indeed, the wicked will be in the torment of Hell forever. 75. It will never be lightened for them, and there they will be overwhelmed with despair. 76. We did not wrong them, but it was they who were the wrongdoers. 77. They will cry, "O Mâlik!<sup>1008</sup> Let your Lord finish us off." He will answer, "You are definitely here to stay." 78. We certainly brought the truth to you, but most of you were resentful of the truth.

#### Warning to the Polytheists

79. Or have they mastered some 'evil' plan? Then We 'too' are surely planning. 80. Or do they think that We do not hear their 'evil' thoughts and secret talks? Yes 'We do'! And Our messenger-angels are in their presence, recording 'it all'. 81. Say, "O Prophet," "If the Most Compassionate 'really' had offspring, I would be the first worshipper." 82. Glorified is the Lord of the heavens and the earth, the Lord of the Throne, far above what they claim.

عَلَيْهِمْ بِصَحَافٍ مِّنْ ذَهَبٍ وَ أَكْوَابٍ ۖ وَ فِيهَا مَا  
تَشْتَهِيهِ الْأَنفُسُ وَ تَلَذُّ الْأَعْيُنُ ۖ وَ أَنْتُمْ فِيهَا  
خَالِدُونَ ﴿٧٤﴾ وَ تِلْكَ الْجَنَّةُ الَّتِي أُورِثْتُمُوهَا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ  
تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾ لَكُمْ فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ كَثِيرَةٌ مِّنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ ﴿٧٦﴾  
إِنَّ الْمُجْرِمِينَ فِي عَذَابٍ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدُونَ ﴿٧٧﴾  
لَا يُفْتَرُ عَنْهُمْ وَهُمْ فِيهِ مُبْلِسُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾ وَ مَا ظَلَمْنَاهُمْ  
وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا هُمُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٧٩﴾ وَ نَادُوا يٰمَلِكُ لِيَقْضِ  
عَلَيْنَا رَبِّكَ ۖ قَالَ إِنَّكُمْ مُّكْشُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾ لَقَدْ جِئْتَكُمْ  
بِالْحَقِّ وَلَكِنْ أَكْثَرَكُمْ لِلْحَقِّ كِرْهُونَ ﴿٨١﴾ أَمْ أَبْرَمُوا  
أَمْرًا فَإِنَّا مُبْرِمُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾ أَمْ يَحْسِبُونَ أَنَّا لَا نَسْمَعُ سِرَّهُمْ  
وَنَجْوَاهُمْ ۖ بَلَىٰ وَرُسُلْنَا لَدَيْهِمْ يَكْتُبُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾ قُلْ  
إِن كَانَ لِلرَّحْمَنِ وَلَدٌ ۖ إِنَّا أَوَّلُ الْعَبِيدِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾ سُبْحَانَ  
رَبِّ السَّمُوتِ وَ الْأَرْضِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾  
فَذَرَهُمْ ۖ

1007 Fruit also implies delicacies.

1008 Angel Mâlik is the chief keeper of Hell.

فَذَرُهُمْ يَخُوضُوا وَيَلْعَبُوا حَتَّى يُلَاقُوا يَوْمَهُمُ  
الَّذِي يُوعَدُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾ وَهُوَ الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاءِ إِلَهُ  
وَفِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَهُ ۖ وَهُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٨٤﴾ وَتَبَرَّكَ  
الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا ۚ  
وَعِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ ۚ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾ وَلَا  
يَمْلِكُ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ الشَّفَاعَةَ إِلَّا  
مَنْ شَهِدَ بِالْحَقِّ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٦﴾ وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ  
مَنْ خَلَقَهُمْ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ فَأَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾  
وَقِيلَ لَهُ يَرْبِّ إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ قَوْمٌ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾  
فَاصْفَحْ عَنْهُمْ وَقُلْ سَلَامٌ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾

﴿٨٩﴾ ﴿٨٨﴾ ﴿٨٧﴾ ﴿٨٦﴾ ﴿٨٥﴾ ﴿٨٤﴾ ﴿٨٣﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

حَمْدٌ ۖ وَالْكِتَابِ الْبَيِّنِ ۖ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ

83. So let them indulge 'in falsehood' and amuse 'themselves' until they face their Day, which they have been warned of.

#### *The Only Allah Worthy of Worship*

84. It is He Who is 'the only' Allah in the heavens and 'the only' Allah on the earth. For He is the All-Wise, All-Knowing. 85. And Blessed is the One to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and everything in between! With Him 'alone' is the knowledge of the Hour. And to Him you will 'all' be returned.

#### *Call to the Worshippers of False Allahs*

86. 'But' those 'objects of worship' they invoke besides Him have no power to intercede, except those who testify to the truth knowingly.<sup>1009</sup>

87. If you ask them 'O Prophet' who created them, they will certainly say, "Allah!" How can they then be deluded 'from the truth'? 88. 'Allah is Aware of' the Prophet's cry: "O my Lord! Indeed, these are a people who persist in disbelief." 89. So bear with them and respond with peace. They will soon come to know.



#### *44. The Haze (Ad-Dukhân)*

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### *The Quran as a Mercy*

1. *Hâ-Mîm*. 2. By the clear Book! 3. Indeed, We sent it down on a blessed night,<sup>1010</sup>

1009 i.e., Jesus, Ezra, and the angels.

1010 The revelation of the Quran started on the 27<sup>th</sup> night of Ramadân—the 9<sup>th</sup> month of the Islamic calendar (see 97:1 and 2:185)

for We always warn 'against evil'. 4. On that night every matter of wisdom is ordained 5. by a command from Us, for We have always sent 'messengers' 6. as a mercy from your Lord. He 'alone' is truly the All-Hearing, All-Knowing— 7. the Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything in between, if only you had sure faith. 8. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. He 'alone' gives life and causes death. 'He is' your Lord, and the Lord of your forefathers.

### Meccans Warned of Famine<sup>1011</sup>

9. In fact, they are in doubt, amusing themselves. 10. Wait then 'O Prophet' for the day 'when' the sky will be veiled in haze,<sup>1012</sup> clearly visible, 11. overwhelming the people. 'They will cry,' "This is a painful torment. 12. Our Lord! Remove 'this' torment from us, 'and' we will certainly believe." 13. How can they be reminded when a messenger has already come to them, making things clear, 14. then they turned away from him, saying, "A madman, taught by others!""? 15. Indeed, We will remove 'that' torment for a while, and you 'Meccans' will return 'to disbelief'. 16. 'Then' on the Day We will deal 'you' the fiercest blow, We will surely inflict punishment.

وَقِيلَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ

وَقِيلَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ

مُبْرَكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنْذِرِينَ ﴿٢﴾ فِيهَا يُفْرَقُ  
كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ ﴿٣﴾ أَمْرًا مِّنْ عِنْدِنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا  
مُرْسِلِينَ ﴿٤﴾ رَحْمَةً مِّنْ رَبِّكَ ۚ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٥﴾ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا  
إِن كُنْتُمْ مُّوقِنِينَ ﴿٦﴾ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ ۚ  
رَبُّكُمْ وَرَبُّ آبَائِكُمُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٧﴾ بَلْ هُمْ  
فِي شَكٍّ يَّلْعَبُونَ ﴿٨﴾ فَارْتَقِبْ يَوْمَ تَأْتِي السَّمَاءُ  
بِدُخَانٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٩﴾ يَغْشَى النَّاسَ ۚ هَذَا عَذَابٌ  
أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٠﴾ رَبَّنَا اكْشِفْ عَنَّا الْعَذَابَ إِنَّا مُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١١﴾  
أَتَى لَهُمُ الدَّكْرَىٰ وَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ رَسُولٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٢﴾  
ثُمَّ تَوَلَّوْا عَنْهُ وَقَالُوا مُعَلَّمٌ مَّجْنُونٌ ﴿١٣﴾ إِنَّا  
كَاشِفُو الْعَذَابِ قَلِيلًا إِنَّكُمْ عَائِدُونَ ﴿١٤﴾  
يَوْمَ نَبْطِشُ الْبَطْشَةَ الْكُبْرَىٰ ۗ إِنَّا مُنتَقِمُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا

مَنْزِلَ ٦

1011 One of the major signs of the Day of Judgment, according to authentic narrations from the Prophet (ﷺ), is overwhelming smoke. Some scholars cite 44:10-11 in support of this apocalyptic sign. However, 44:15 supports the understanding of this passage as referring to a drought, simply because once major apocalyptic signs arrive, no second chances will be given.

1012 This refers to the drought that affected the Meccan pagans so badly that they came to the Prophet (ﷺ), begging him to pray to Allah to remove the affliction from them.

## Moses and Pharaoh's People

17. Indeed, before them We tested Pharaoh's people: a noble messenger came to them, 18. "proclaiming," "Hand over the servants of Allah to me.<sup>1013</sup> I am truly a trustworthy messenger to you. 19. And do not be arrogant with Allah. I have certainly come to you with a compelling proof. 20. And indeed, I seek refuge with my Lord and your Lord so you do not stone me 'to death'. 21. 'But' if you do not believe me, then let me be." 22. Ultimately, he cried out to his Lord, "These are a wicked people!"

## Tyrants Destroyed

23. "Allah responded," "Leave with My servants at night, for you will surely be pursued. 24. And leave the sea parted, for they are certainly an army bound to drown." 25. 'Imagine' how many gardens and springs the tyrants<sup>1014</sup> left behind, 26. as well as 'various' crops and splendid residences, 27. and luxuries which they fully enjoyed. 28. So it was. And We awarded it 'all' to another people. 29. Neither heaven nor earth wept over them, nor was their fate delayed. 30. And We certainly delivered the Children of Israel

وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَجَاءَهُمْ رَسُولٌ  
كَرِيمٌ ۝ أَنْ أَدُّوا إِلَيَّ عِبَادَ اللَّهِ ۖ إِنِّي لَكُمْ  
رَسُولٌ أَمِينٌ ۝ وَأَنْ لَا تَعْلُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ ۖ إِنِّي  
أَتِيكُمْ بِسُلْطَانٍ مُبِينٍ ۝ وَإِنِّي عُدْتُ بِرَبِّي  
وَرَبِّكُمْ أَنْ تَرْجُمُونِ ۝ وَإِنْ لَمْ تُؤْمِنُوا لِي  
فَاعْتَرِلُونِ ۝ فَدَعَا رَبَّهُ أَتِ هَؤُلَاءِ قَوْمٌ  
مُجْرِمُونَ ۝ فَاسْرِ بِعِبَادِي لَيْلًا إِنَّكُمْ مُتَّبَعُونَ ۝  
وَأَشْرِكِ الْبَحْرَ رَهْوًا ۖ إِنَّهُمْ جُنْدٌ مُغْرَقُونَ ۝  
كَمْ تَرَكُوا مِنْ جَدَّتٍ وَعُيُونٍ ۝ وَزُرُوعٍ  
وَمَقَامٍ كَرِيمٍ ۝ وَنَعْمَةٍ كَانُوا فِيهَا فَاكِهِينَ ۝  
كَذَلِكَ ۖ وَأَوْرَثْنَاهَا قَوْمًا آخَرِينَ ۝ فَمَا  
بَكَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّمَاءُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَا كَانُوا  
مُنْظَرِينَ ۝ وَلَقَدْ نَجَّيْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ مِنَ

1013 Meaning, let my people go.

1014 i.e., Pharaoh and his soldiers.

from the humiliating torment 31. of Pharaoh. He was truly a tyrant, a transgressor. 32. And indeed, We chose the Israelites knowingly above the others. 33. And We showed them signs in which there was a clear test.

*Warning to Deniers of Resurrection*

34. Indeed, these 'Meccans' say, 35. "There is nothing beyond our first death, and we will never be resurrected. 36. Bring 'back' our forefathers, if what you say is true." 37. Are they superior to the people of Tubba'<sup>1015</sup> and those before them? We destroyed them 'all', 'for' they were truly wicked. 38. We did not create the heavens and the earth and everything in between for sport. 39. We only created them for a purpose, but most of these 'pagans' do not know. 40. Surely the Day of 'Final' Decision is the time appointed for all— 41. the Day no kith or kin will be of benefit to another whatsoever, nor will they be helped, 42. except those shown mercy by Allah.

الْعَذَابِ الْمُهِينِ ۝ مَنْ فِرْعَوْنَ ۖ إِنَّهُ كَانَ  
عَالِيًا مِّنَ الْمُسْرِفِينَ ۝ وَلَقَدْ اخْتَرْنَاهُمْ عَلَىٰ  
عِلْمٍ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ۝ وَآتَيْنَاهُمْ مِّنَ الْآيَاتِ  
مَا فِيهِ بَلَاءٌ مُّبِينٌ ۝ إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ لَيَقُولُونَ ۝  
إِنْ هِيَ إِلَّا مَوْتَتُنَا الْأُولَىٰ وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمُنشَرِينَ ۝  
فَاتُوا بِآيَاتِنَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ۝ أَهُم  
خَيْرٌ أَمْ قَوْمُ تُبَّعٍ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ ۖ  
أَهْلَكْنَاهُمْ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا مُجْرِمِينَ ۝ وَمَا  
خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا لِعَيْنٍ ۝  
مَا خَلَقْنَاهُمَا إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا  
يَعْلَمُونَ ۝ إِنَّ يَوْمَ الْفَصْلِ مِيقَاتُهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ۝  
يَوْمَ لَا يُغْنِي مَوْلَىٰ عَنْ مَّوْلَىٰ شَيْئًا وَلَا هُمْ  
يُنصَرُونَ ۝ إِلَّا مَن رَّحِمَ اللَّهُ ۖ إِنَّهُ هُوَ

<sup>1015</sup> Tubba' Al-Himiari was an ancient righteous Yemeni king whose people persisted in disbelief and were destroyed, although they were superior to Meccans in strength and manpower.



He is truly the Almighty, Most Merciful.

### The Tree of Hell

43. Surely 'the fruit of' the tree of Zaqqûm<sup>1016</sup> 44. will be the food of the evildoer. 45. Like molten metal, it will boil in the bellies 46. like the boiling of hot water. 47. 'It will be said,' "Seize them and drag them into the depths of the Hellfire. 48. Then pour over their heads the torment of boiling water." 49. 'The wicked will be told,' "Taste this. You mighty, noble one!<sup>1017</sup> 50. This is truly what you 'all' used to doubt."

### The Pleasures of Paradise

51. Indeed, the righteous will be in a secure place, 52. amid Gardens and springs, 53. dressed in fine silk and rich brocade, facing one another. 54. So it will be. And We will pair them to maidens with gorgeous eyes. 55. There they will call for every fruit in serenity. 56. There they will never taste death, beyond the first death. And He will protect them from the punishment of the Hellfire— 57. as 'an act of' grace from your Lord. That is 'truly' the ultimate triumph.

### The Quran Is Easy

58. Indeed, We have made this 'Quran' easy in your own language

الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ۚ إِنَّ شَجَرَتَ الزَّقْوَمِ ۖ طَعَامُ

الْآثِمِ ۖ كَالْمُهْلِ ۖ يَغْلِي فِي الْبُطُونِ ۖ كَغَلْيِ

الْحَمِيمِ ۖ خُذُوهُ فَاعْتَلُوهُ إِلَىٰ سَوَاءِ الْجَحِيمِ ۖ

ثُمَّ صَبُّوا فَوْقَ رَأْسِهِ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْحَمِيمِ ۖ

ذُقْ ۖ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْكَرِيمُ ۖ إِنَّ

هَذَا مَا كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تَمْتَرُونَ ۖ إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ

فِي مَقَامٍ أَمِينٍ ۖ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ ۖ

يَلْبَسُونَ مِنْ سُنْدُسٍ وَإِسْتَبْرَقٍ مُتَقَابِلِينَ ۖ

كَذَلِكَ نَرْوِيهِمْ بِخُورٍ عَيْنٍ ۖ يَدْعُونَ

فِيهَا بِكُلِّ فَاكِهَةٍ آمِنِينَ ۖ لَا يَذُقُونَ

فِيهَا الْمَوْتَ إِلَّا الْمَوْتَةَ الْأُولَىٰ ۖ وَوَقَاهُمْ

عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ ۖ فَضْلًا مِّن رَّبِّكَ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ

هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ۖ فَإِنَّمَا يَسَّرْنَاهُ بِلِسَانِكَ

لَعَلَّهُمْ

مَنْزِلٌ ۖ

<sup>1016</sup> Zaqqûm is a tree that grows in the depths of Hell as mentioned in 37:62-65. The pagans of Mecca used to make fun of the Prophet and say, "How can a tree grow in Hell?"

<sup>1017</sup> Abu Jahl, a Meccan pagan leader, met the warning of punishment in the Hereafter by exclaiming, "How can I be punished when I am the mighty, noble one!"

‘O Prophet’ so perhaps they will be mindful. 59. Wait then! They too are certainly waiting.



#### 45. The Kneeling (Al-Jâthiyah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

##### Allah's Signs

1. *Hâ-Mîm*. 2. The revelation of this Book is from Allah—the Almighty, All-Wise. 3. Surely in ‘the creation of’ the heavens and the earth are signs for the believers. 4. And in your own creation, and whatever living beings He dispersed, are signs for people of sure faith. 5. And ‘in’ the alternation of the day and the night, the provision<sup>1018</sup> sent down from the skies by Allah—reviving the earth after its death—and the shifting of the winds, are signs for people of understanding. 6. These are Allah’s revelations which We recite to you ‘O Prophet’ in truth. So what message will they believe in after ‘denying’ Allah and His revelations?

##### Warning to the Deniers

7. Woe to every sinful liar. 8. They hear Allah’s revelations recited to them, then persist ‘in denial’ arrogantly as if they did not hear them.

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سُورَةُ الْجَاثِيَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٢٥)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

حَمْدٌ تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ

إِنَّ فِي السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَآيَاتٍ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

وَفِي خَلْقِكُمْ وَمَا يَبُتُّ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ آيَاتٌ

لِقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ

وَمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ رِزْقٍ فَأَحْيَا

بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا وَتَصْرِيفِ الرِّيحِ

آيَاتٌ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ

عَلَيْكَ بِالْحَقِّ فَبِأَيِّ حَدِيثٍ بَعْدَ اللَّهِ

وَآيَاتِهِ يُؤْمِنُونَ

وَيُلْ لِكُلِّ أَفَّاكٍ أَثِيمٍ

يَسْمَعُ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ تُتْلَى عَلَيْهِ ثُمَّ يُصِرُّ مُسْتَكْبِرًا

كَانَ لَعْنَتُهُمْ عَلَيْهَا
مَنْزِلٌ

٨ كَأَن لَّمْ يَسْمَعْهَا ۖ فَبَشَّرَهُ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ  
 وَإِذَا عَلِمَ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا شَيْئًا اتَّخَذَهَا هُزُوًا ۗ  
 أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ۝٩ مَنْ وَرَّاهُمْ  
 جَهَنَّمَ ۖ وَلَا يُغْنِي عَنْهُمْ مَا كَسَبُوا شَيْئًا وَلَا  
 مَا اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ ۖ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ  
 عَظِيمٌ ۝١٠ هَٰذَا هُدًى ۖ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ  
 رَبِّهِمْ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مِّن رَّجَزٍ أَلِيمٍ ۝١١ اللَّهُ  
 الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَكُمُ الْبَحْرَ لِتَجْرِيَ الْفُلُكُ  
 فِيهِ بِأَمْرِهِ وَلِتَبْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ  
 تَشْكُرُونَ ۝١٢ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُم مَّا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا  
 فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مِّنْهُ ۖ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ  
 لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ۝١٣ قُلْ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يَغْفِرُوا  
 لِلَّذِينَ لَا يَرْجُونَ أَيَّامَ اللَّهِ لِيَجْزِيَ قَوْمًا

So give them good news of a painful punishment. 9. And whenever they learn anything of Our revelations, they make a mockery of it. It is they who will suffer a humiliating punishment. 10. Awaiting them is Hell. Their 'worldly' gains will not be of any benefit to them whatsoever, nor will those protectors they have taken besides Allah. And they will suffer a tremendous punishment. 11. This 'Quran' is 'true' guidance. And those who deny their Lord's revelations will suffer the 'worst' torment of agonizing pain.

#### Allah's Favours to Humanity

12. Allah is the One Who has subjected the sea for you so that ships may sail upon it by His command, and that you may seek His bounty, and that perhaps you will be grateful. 13. He 'also' subjected for you whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth—all by His grace. Surely in this are signs for people who reflect.

#### Advice to the Believers

14. 'O Prophet!' Tell the believers to forgive those who do not fear Allah's days 'of torment',

so that He will reward each group for what they used to commit.

15. Whoever does good, it is to their own benefit. And whoever does evil, it is to their own loss. Then to your Lord you will 'all' be returned.

#### *Differences Among the Israelites*

16. Indeed, We gave the Children of Israel the Scripture, wisdom, and prophethood; granted them good, lawful provisions; and favoured them above the others.<sup>1019</sup> 17. We 'also' gave them clear commandments regarding 'their' faith. But it was not until knowledge came to them that they differed out of mutual envy.<sup>1020</sup> Surely your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Judgment regarding their differences.

#### *Advice to the Prophet*

18. Now We have set you 'O Prophet' on the 'clear' Way of faith. So follow it, and do not follow the desires of those who do not know 'the truth'. 19. They certainly can be of no benefit to you against Allah whatsoever. Surely the wrongdoers are patrons of each other, whereas Allah is the Patron of the righteous. 20. This 'Quran' is an insight for humanity—

بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا  
فَلِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ أَسَاءَ فَعَلَيْهَا ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ  
تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ  
الْكِتَابَ وَالْحُكْمَ وَالنُّبُوَّةَ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِّنَ  
الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَىٰ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٥﴾ وَآتَيْنَاهُمْ  
بَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ فَمَا اخْتَلَفُوا إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ  
مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ ۚ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ  
يَقْضِي بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ  
يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاكَ عَلَىٰ شَرِيعَةٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ  
فَاتَّبِعْهَا وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٧﴾  
إِنَّهُمْ لَن يُّغْنُوا عَنْكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا ۖ وَإِنَّ  
الظَّالِمِينَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ۖ وَاللَّهُ وَلِيُّ  
الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١٨﴾ هَٰذَا بَصَائِرُ لِلنَّاسِ وَهُدًى

1019 By sending many prophets, and showing them unique miracles such as the splitting of the sea.

1020 No community split into believers and disbelievers until they received the knowledge given by their prophet.

a guide and mercy for people of sure faith.

### Good and Evil Are Not Equal

21. Or do those who commit evil deeds 'simply' think that We will make them equal—in their life and after their death—to those who believe and do good? How wrong is their judgment! 22. For Allah created the heavens and the earth for a purpose, so that every soul may be paid back for what it has committed. And none will be wronged.

### Those Led by Desire

23. Have you seen 'O Prophet' those who have taken their own desires as their god? 'And so' Allah left them to stray knowingly, sealed their hearing and hearts, and placed a cover on their sight. Who then can guide them after Allah? Will you 'all' not then be mindful?

### Arguments of the Deniers of Resurrection

24. And they argue, "There is nothing beyond our worldly life. We die; others are born. And nothing destroys us but 'the passage of' time." Yet they have no knowledge 'in support' of this 'claim'. They only speculate. 25. And whenever Our clear revelations are recited to them,

وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ أَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِينَ  
اجْتَرَحُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ أَنْ نَجْعَلَهُمْ كَالَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ ۚ سَوَاءٌ مَّحْيَاهُمُ  
وَمَمَاتُهُمْ ۖ سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ وَخَلَقَ اللَّهُ  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ وَلِتُجْزَىٰ كُلُّ  
نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾ أَفَرَأَيْتَ  
مَنْ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ وَأَصْلَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ  
وَّخَتَمَ عَلَىٰ سَمْعِهِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَجَعَلَ عَلَىٰ بَصَرِهِ  
غِشَاةً ۖ فَمَنْ يَهْدِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ اللَّهِ ۚ أَفَلَا  
تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ وَقَالُوا مَا هِيَ إِلَّا حَيَاتُنَا  
الدُّنْيَا نَمُوتُ وَنَحْيَا وَمَا يُهْلِكُنَا إِلَّا  
الدَّهْرُ وَمَا لَهُمْ بِذَلِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِنْ هُمْ  
إِلَّا يَظُنُّونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَإِذَا تُلِيٰ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ

their only argument is to say: "Bring our forefathers back, if what you say is true!" 26. Say, 'O Prophet,' "'It is' Allah 'Who' gives you life, then causes you to die, then will gather you 'all' on the Day of Judgment, about which there is no doubt. But most people do not know."

#### The Judgment

27. To Allah 'alone' belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. On the Day the Hour will be established, the people of falsehood will then be in 'total' loss. 28. And you will see every faith-community on its knees. Every community will be summoned to its record 'of deeds'. 'They all will be told,' "This Day you will be rewarded for what you used to do. 29. This record of Ours speaks the truth about you. Indeed, We always had your deeds recorded 'by the angels'."

#### Reward of the Believers

30. As for those who believed and did good, their Lord will admit them into His mercy. That is 'truly' the absolute triumph.

#### Punishment of the Disbelievers

31. And as for those who disbelieved, 'they will be told,'

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مَا كَانَ حُجَّتَهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا اسْتُوا  
بِآبَائِنَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾ قُلِ اللَّهُ  
يُحْيِيكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يَجْمَعُكُمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ  
الْقِيَمَةِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ  
لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَلِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ يُحْسِرُ الْبَاطِلُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾  
وَتَرَى كُلَّ أُمَّةٍ جَاثِيَةً كُلُّ أُمَّةٍ تُدْعَى  
إِلَى كِتَابِهَا ۚ الْيَوْمَ تُجْزَوْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾  
هَذَا كِتَابُنَا يَنْطِقُ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْحَقِّ ۚ إِنَّا  
كُنَّا نَسْتَنْسِخُ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ فَأَمَّا  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَيُدْخِلُهُمْ  
رَبُّهُمْ فِي رَحْمَتِهِ ۚ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٣٠﴾  
وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۖ أَفَلَمْ تَكُنْ أَلَيَّ تَتْلُو  
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عَلَيْكُمْ فَاسْتَكْبَرْتُمْ وَكُنْتُمْ قَوْمًا مُّجْرِمِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾  
 وَإِذَا قِيلَ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَالسَّاعَةُ  
 لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا قُلْتُمْ مَا نَدْرِي مَا السَّاعَةُ ۖ  
 إِنَّ نَسْفُتْ إِلَّا ظَنًّا وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمُستَيْقِنِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾  
 وَبَدَا لَهُمُ سَيِّئَاتُ مَا عَمِلُوا وَحَاقَ بِهِمْ مَا  
 كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَقِيلَ الْيَوْمَ نَنسِفُكُمْ  
 كَمَا نَسِفْنَا لِقَاءَ يَوْمِكُمْ هَٰذَا وَمَا وُكِّلُكُمْ النَّارُ  
 وَمَالَكُمْ مِّنْ نَّصِيرِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ ذَلِكَ بِأَنكُمْ اتَّخَذْتُمْ  
 آيَاتِ اللَّهِ هُزُوعًا وَغَرَّتْكُمْ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا ۖ  
 فَالْيَوْمَ لَا يُخْرَجُونَ مِنْهَا وَلَا هُمْ يُسْتَعْبَدُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾  
 فَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ رَبِّ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَرَبِّ الْأَرْضِ رَبِّ  
 الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَلَهُ الْكِبَرِيَاءُ فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ  
 وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٣٨﴾

“Were My revelations not recited to you, yet you acted arrogantly and were a wicked people? 32. And whenever it was said ‘to you’, ‘Surely Allah’s promise ‘of judgment’ is true and there is no doubt about the Hour,’ you said ‘mockingly’, ‘We do not know what the Hour is! We think it is no more than speculation, and we are not convinced ‘that it will ever come’.” 33. And the evil ‘consequences’ of their deeds will unfold before them, and they will be overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule. 34. It will be said, “This Day We will neglect you as you neglected the meeting of this Day of yours! Your home will be the Fire, and you will have no helpers. 35. This is because you made a mockery of Allah’s revelations, and were deluded by ‘your’ worldly life.” So ‘from’ that Day ‘on’ they will not be taken out of the Fire, nor will they be allowed to appease ‘their Lord’.

#### Praises to the Almighty

36. So all praise is for Allah—Lord of the heavens and Lord of the earth, Lord of all worlds. 37. To Him belongs ‘all’ Majesty in the heavens and the earth. And He is the Almighty, All-Wise.

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*A Message to Idolaters*

1. *Hâ-Mîm*. 2. The revelation of this Book is from Allah—the Almighty, All-Wise. 3. We only created the heavens and the earth and everything in between for a purpose and an appointed term. Yet the disbelievers are turning away from what they have been warned about. 4. Ask ‘them, O Prophet’, “Have you considered whatever ‘idols’ you invoke besides Allah? Show me what they have created on earth! Or do they have a share in ‘the creation of’ the heavens? Bring me a scripture ‘revealed’ before this ‘Quran’ or a shred of knowledge, if what you say is true.” 5. And who could be more astray than those who call upon others besides Allah—‘others’ that cannot respond to them until the Day of Judgment, and are ‘even’ unaware of their calls? 6. And when ‘such’ people will be gathered together, those ‘gods’ will be their enemies and will disown their worship.

*Pagan Denial of the Quran*

7. Whenever Our clear revelations are

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الْأَحْقَافُ ٢٩

(٣٥) يَا أَيُّهَا ٣٥ (٣٦) سُورَةُ الْأَحْقَافِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٦٦) (تَوَعَّاتُهَا ٣)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

حَمْدٌ ١ تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ ١

مَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ٢ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَمَّا

أُنذِرُوا مُّعْرِضُونَ ٣ قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَدْعُونَ

مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَرُونِي مَاذَا خَلَقُوا مِنَ الْأَرْضِ

أَمْ لَهُمْ شِرْكٌ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ ٤ إِيْتُونِي بِكِتَابٍ مِّنْ

قَبْلِ هَذَا أَوْ أَثَرَةٍ مِّنْ عِلْمٍ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ٥

وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّن يَدْعُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَنْ

لَّا يَسْتَجِيبُ لَهُ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ وَهُمْ عَنِ

دُعَائِهِمْ غَفُلُونَ ٦ وَإِذَا حُشِرَ النَّاسُ كَانُوا لَهُمْ

أَعْدَاءً وَكَانُوا بِعِبَادَتِهِمْ كَافِرِينَ ٧ وَإِذَا تُتْلَىٰ

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recited to them, the disbelievers say of the truth when it has come to them, "This is pure magic." 8. Or do they say, "He<sup>1021</sup> has fabricated this 'Quran'!"? Say, "O Prophet, 'If I have done so, then there is nothing whatsoever you can do to save me from Allah. He knows best what 'slurs' you indulge about it. Sufficient is He as a Witness between you and me. And He is the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.'" 9. Say, "I am not the first messenger ever sent, nor do I know what will happen to me or you. I only follow what is revealed to me. And I am only sent with a clear warning."

#### *Pagan Arrogance Towards Allah*

10. Ask 'them, O Prophet', "Consider if this 'Quran' is 'truly' from Allah and you deny it, and a witness from the Children of Israel attests to it and then believes,<sup>1022</sup> whereas you act arrogantly. Surely Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people."

#### *Belittling the Quran*

11. The disbelievers say of the believers, "Had it been 'something' good, they<sup>1023</sup> would not have beaten us to it." Now since they reject its guidance, they will say,

عَلَيْهِمْ اٰیٰتُنَا بَيِّنٰتٍ قَالَ الَّذِیْنَ كَفَرُوْا لِلْحَقِّ  
لَمَّا جَآءَهُمْ هٰذَا سِحْرٌ مُّبِیْنٌ ۝۸ اَمْ یَقُوْلُوْنَ  
اَفْتَرٰهُ ۚ قُلْ اِنْ اَفْتَرِیْتُهُ فَلَا تَمْلِكُوْنَ لِیْ مِنْ  
اللّٰهِ شَیْئًا ۚ هُوَ اَعْلَمُ بِمَا تُفِیضُوْنَ فِیْهِ ۚ کَفٰی بِهٖ  
شَهِیْدًا ۚ اُبَیْنِیْ وَبَیِّنْکُمْ ۚ وَهُوَ الْعَفُوْرُ الرَّحِیْمُ ۝۹  
قُلْ مَا کُنْتُ بِدْعًا مِّنَ الرُّسُلِ وَمَا اَدْرِیْ مَا  
یُفْعَلُ بِّیْ وَلَا بِکُمْ ۚ اِنْ اَتَّبِعُ اِلَّا مَا یُوحٰی  
اِلَیَّ وَمَا اَنَا اِلَّا نَذِیْرٌ مُّبِیْنٌ ۝۱۰ قُلْ اَرَءَیْتُمْ اِنْ  
کَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللّٰهِ وَکَفَرْتُمْ بِهٖ وَشَهِدَ شَٰهِدٌ  
مِّنْ بَنِیْ اِسْرَآءِیْلَ عَلٰی مِثْلِهٖ فَاَمَنَ وَ  
اُسْتَكْبَرْتُمْ ۚ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ لَا یَهْدِی الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِیْنَ ۝۱۱  
وَقَالَ الَّذِیْنَ کَفَرُوْا لِلَّذِیْنَ اٰمَنُوْا لَوْ کَانَ خَیْرًا مَّا  
سَبَقُوْنَا اِلَیْهِ ۚ وَاِذْ لَمْ یَهْتَدُوْا بِهٖ فَسَیَقُوْلُوْنَ

1021 Muḥammad (ﷺ).

1022 This refers to 'Abdullāh ibn Salām, a Jewish scholar, who embraced Islam when the Prophet (ﷺ) emigrated to Medina.

1023 Poor and powerless Muslims.

“This is” an ancient fabrication!”

12. And before this ‘Quran’ the Book of Moses was ‘revealed as’ a guide and mercy. And this Book is a confirmation, in the Arabic tongue, to warn those who do wrong, and as good news to those who do good.

#### *Reward of the Devout*

13. Surely those who say, “Our Lord is Allah,” and then remain steadfast—there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve. 14. It is they who will be the residents of Paradise, staying there forever, as a reward for what they used to do.

#### *Stance of the Faithful*

15. We have commanded people to honour their parents. Their mothers bore them in hardship and delivered them in hardship. Their ‘period of’ bearing and weaning is thirty months. In time, when the child reaches their prime at the age of forty, they pray, “My Lord! Inspire me to ‘always’ be thankful for Your favours which You blessed me and my parents with, and to do good deeds that please You. And instil righteousness in my offspring. I truly repent to You, and I truly submit ‘to Your Will’.” 16. It is

هَذَا إِنْكَ قَدِيمٌ ۝ وَمِنْ قَبْلِهِ كِتَابُ مُوسَى  
إِمَامًا وَرَحْمَةً ۖ وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ مُصَدِّقٌ لِّسَانًا  
عَرَبِيًّا لِّيُنذِرَ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ۖ وَبُشْرَى لِلْمُحْسِنِينَ ۝  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا فَلَا خَوْفٌ  
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ۝ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ  
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۖ جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ۝  
وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ حَمَلَتْهُ  
أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ كُرْهًا ۖ وَحَمَلُهُ وَفِطْلُهُ  
ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَبَلَغَ أَرْبَعِينَ  
سَنَةً ۖ قَالَ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ  
الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا  
تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي ۖ إِنِّي تُبْتُ  
إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ۝ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ

from these 'people' that We will accept the good they did, and overlook their misdeeds—along with the residents of Paradise, 'in fulfilment of' the true promise they have been given.

#### Stance of the Deniers

17. But some scold their parents, "Enough with you! Are you warning me that I will be brought forth 'from the grave', while many generations had already perished before me 'for good'?" The parents cry to Allah for help, 'and warn their child,' "Pity you. Have faith! Surely Allah's promise is true." But the deniers insist, "This is nothing but ancient fables."

18. These are the ones against whom the fate of earlier communities of jinn and humans has been justified, 'for' they were truly losers.

#### Reward of the Faithful and the Deniers

19. Each 'of the two groups' will be ranked according to what they have done so He may fully reward all. And none will be wronged. 20. 'Watch for' the Day 'when' the disbelievers will be exposed to the Fire. 'They will be told,' "You 'already' exhausted your 'share of' pleasures during your worldly life, and 'fully' enjoyed them. So Today you will be rewarded with the torment of disgrace for your

نَتَقَبَّلُ عَنْهُمْ أَحْسَنَ مَا عَمِلُوا وَنَتَجَاوَزُ عَنْ

سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ فِي أَصْحَابِ الْجَنَّةِ وَعَدَ الصِّدْقِ الَّذِي

كَانُوا يُوعَدُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَالَّذِي قَالَ لِبَوْلَدِهِ أَفِ لَكُمْ

أَتَعِدُنِي أَنْ أُخْرَجَ وَقَدْ خَلَتِ الْقُرُونُ مِنْ قَبْلِي

وَهُمَا يَسْتَغِيثَنِ اللَّهَ وَيْلَكَ آمِنْ ﴿١٨﴾ إِنَّ وَعْدَ

اللَّهِ حَقٌّ فَيَقُولُ مَا هَذَا إِلَّا أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ حَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقَوْلُ فِي أُمِّ قَدْ خَلَتِ

مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِنَ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسِ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا

خُسِرِينَ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَلِكُلِّ دَرَجَةٍ مِمَّا عَمِلُوا وَلِيُوقِيَهُمْ

أَعْمَالَهُمْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ وَيَوْمَ يُعْرَضُ

الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَلَى النَّارِ أَذْهَبْتُمْ طَيِّبَاتِكُمْ فِي

حَيَاتِكُمُ الدُّنْيَا وَاسْتَمْتَعْتُمْ بِهَا فَالْيَوْمَ تُجْزَوْنَ

عَذَابَ الْهُونِ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ فِي

arrogance throughout the land with no right, and for your rebelliousness.”

#### Prophet Hûd

21. And remember the brother of 'Âd, when he warned his people, who inhabited the sand-hills<sup>1024</sup>—there were certainly warners before and after him—saying, “Worship none but Allah. I truly fear for you the torment of a tremendous day.”
22. They argued, “Have you come to turn us away from our gods? Bring us then whatever you threaten us with, if what you say is true.”
23. He responded, “The knowledge of its time is only with Allah. I only convey to you what I have been sent with. But I can see that you are a people acting ignorantly.”
24. Then when they saw the torment as a ‘dense’ cloud approaching their valleys, they said ‘happily’, “This is a cloud bringing us rain.” But Hûd replied, “No, it is what you sought to hasten: a ‘fierce’ wind carrying a painful punishment!”
25. It destroyed everything by the command of its Lord, leaving nothing visible except their ruins. This is how We reward the wicked people.

#### Warning to Meccan Pagans

26. Indeed, We had established them<sup>1025</sup> in a way We have not established you ‘Meccans’. And We gave them hearing, sight, and intellect.

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الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَفْسُقُونَ ۖ وَإِذْ كُنْتُمْ

أَخَاعِدٌ إِذْ أَنْذَرَ قَوْمَهُ بِالْأَحْقَافِ وَقَدْ خَلَتِ

النُّذُرُ مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا

إِلَّا اللَّهَ ۖ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ۝

قَالُوا اجْمَعْنَا لِنُفِكَكَ عَنْ إِلِهِنَا ۖ فَأْتِنَا بِمَا تَعِدُنَا

إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ۝ قَالَ إِنَّمَا الْعِلْمُ عِنْدَ

اللَّهِ ۖ وَأُبَلِّغُكُمْ مَا أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ وَلَكِنِّي أَرَأَيْتُمْ قَوْمًا

تَجْهَلُونَ ۝ فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ عَارِضًا مُسْتَقْبِلَ أَوْدِيَّتِهِمْ

قَالُوا هَذَا عَارِضٌ مُمْطِرُنَا ۖ بَلْ هُوَ مَا اسْتَعْجَلْتُمْ بِهِ

رِيحٌ فِيهَا عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۝ تَدْمِرُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِأَمْرِ

رَبِّهَا ۖ فَأَصْبَحُوا لَا يَرَى إِلَّا مَسَكِنَهُمْ ۖ كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي

الْقَوْمَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ۝ وَلَقَدْ مَكَّنَّهُمْ فِيمَا إِنْ

مَكَّنَّاكُمْ فِيهِ وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُمْ سَمْعًا وَأَبْصَارًا وَ

أَفِئَّةً ۖ

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1024 The people of 'Âd were the residents of the hills in the southern part of the Arabian Peninsula.

1025 The people of Hûd.

But neither their hearing, sight, nor intellect were of any benefit to them whatsoever, since they persisted in denying Allah's signs. And 'so' they were overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule. 27. We certainly destroyed the societies around you after having varied the signs so perhaps they would return 'to the Right Path'. 28. Why then did those 'idols' they took as gods—hoping to get closer 'to Him'—not come to their aid? Instead, they failed them. That is 'the result of their lies and their fabrications.

*The Jinn Listen to the Quran*

29. 'Remember, O Prophet,' when We sent a group of jinn your way to listen to the Quran. Then, upon hearing it, they said 'to one another', 'Listen quietly!' Then when it was over, they returned to their fellow jinn as warners. 30. They declared, 'O our fellow jinn! We have truly heard a scripture revealed after Moses, confirming what came before it. It guides to the truth and the Straight Way. 31. O our fellow jinn! Respond to the caller of Allah and believe in him,

أَفِئْدَةً ۖ فَمَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُمْ سَمْعُهُمْ وَلَا أَبْصَارُهُمْ  
وَلَا أَفْئِدَتُهُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِذْ كَانُوا يَجْحَدُونَ بِآيَاتِ  
اللَّهِ وَحَاقَ بِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ۚ وَلَقَدْ  
أَهْلَكْنَا مَا حَوْلَكُمْ مِنَ الْقُرَىٰ وَصَرَّفْنَا الْآيَاتِ  
لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ۚ فَلَوْلَا نَصْرُهُمُ الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا  
مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ قُرْبَانًا آلِهَةً ۚ بَلْ ضَلُّوا عَنْهُمْ ۚ  
وَذَلِكَ إِفْكُهُمْ وَمَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ۚ وَإِذْ  
صَرَّفْنَا إِلَيْكَ نَفَرًا مِّنَ الْجِنِّ يَسْتَمِعُونَ الْقُرْآنَ ۚ  
فَلَمَّا حَضَرُوهُ قَالُوا أَنْصِتُوا ۚ فَلَمَّا قُضِيَ وَلَّوْا  
إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِمْ مُّنْذِرِينَ ۚ قَالُوا يَاقَوْمُنَا إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا  
كِتَابًا أَنْزَلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مُوسَىٰ مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ  
يَدَيْهِ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْحَقِّ وَإِلَى طَرِيقٍ مُّسْتَقِيمٍ ۚ  
يَاقَوْمُنَا اجْبِيبُوا دَاعِيَ اللَّهِ وَآمِنُوا بِهِ يَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ

He will forgive your sins and protect you from a painful punishment. 32. And whoever does not respond to the caller of Allah will have no escape on earth, nor will they have any protectors against Him. It is they who are clearly astray."

#### Warning to Deniers of Resurrection

33. Do they not realize that Allah, Who created the heavens and the earth and did not tire in creating them,<sup>1026</sup> is able to give life to the dead? Yes "indeed"! He is certainly Most Capable of everything. 34. And on the Day the disbelievers will be exposed to the Fire, "they will be asked," "Is this 'Hereafter' not the truth?" They will cry, "Absolutely, by our Lord!" It will be said, "Then taste the punishment for your disbelief."

#### Advice to the Prophet

35. So endure patiently, as did the Messengers of Firm Resolve.<sup>1027</sup> And do not 'seek to' hasten 'the torment' for the deniers. On the Day they see what they have been threatened with, it will be as if they had only stayed "in this world" for an hour of a day.<sup>1028</sup> "This is" a "sufficient" warning! Then, will anyone be destroyed except the rebellious people?

مَنْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَيُجِزْكُمْ مِّنْ عَذَابِ الْيَمِّ ۖ وَمَنْ لَا يُجِبْ دَاعِيَ اللَّهِ فَلَيْسَ بِمُعْجِزٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا لَيْسَ لَهُ مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءُ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ۖ أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَلَمْ يَغْيَ بِخَلْقِهِنَّ بِقَدْرِ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَغْيِيَ الْمَوْتِ ۖ بَلَىٰ إِنَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۖ وَيَوْمَ يُعْرَضُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَلَى النَّارِ ۖ أَلَيْسَ هٰذَا بِالْحَقِّ ۖ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّنَا ۖ قَالَ فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ۖ فَاصْبِرْ كَمَا صَبَرَ أُولُو الْعَزْمِ مِنَ الرُّسُلِ وَلَا تَسْتَعْجِلْ لَهُمْ ۖ كَأَنَّهُمْ يَوْمَ يَرَوْنَ مَا يُوعَدُونَ ۖ لَمْ يَلْبَثُوا إِلَّا سَاعَةً مِّنْ نَّهَارٍ ۖ بَلِغْ ۖ فَهَلْ يَهْلِكُ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ الْفٰسِقُونَ ۖ

1026 Or never failed in creating them.

1027 Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad (ﷺ) are called the Messengers of Firm Resolve.

1028 i.e., only for a very short period of time.



He will never render their deeds void. 5. He will guide them 'to their reward', improve their condition, 6. and admit them into Paradise, having made it known to them.<sup>1031</sup>

#### Warning to the Deniers

7. O believers! If you stand up for Allah, He will help you and make your steps firm. 8. As for the disbelievers, may they be doomed and may He render their deeds void. 9. That is because they detest what Allah has revealed, so He has rendered their deeds void. 10. Have they not travelled throughout the land to see what was the end of those before them? Allah annihilated them, and a similar fate awaits the disbelievers. 11. This is because Allah is the Patron of the believers while the disbelievers have no patron.

#### The Final Destination

12. Surely Allah will admit those who believe and do good into Gardens under which rivers flow. As for the disbelievers, they enjoy themselves and feed like cattle.<sup>1032</sup> But the Fire will be their home.

#### Evil Fate

13. "Imagine, O Prophet," how many societies We destroyed that were far superior in might than your society—which drove you out—

يُضِلُّ أَعْمَالَهُمْ ۚ سَيَهْدِيهِمْ وَيُصْلِحُ بَالَهُمْ ۝  
وَيُدْخِلُهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ عَرَفَهَا لَهُمْ ۝ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا إِن تَتُصَرُّوا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَيَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ ۝  
وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَتَعَسَا لَهُمْ وَأَصْلٌ أَعْمَالَهُمْ ۝  
ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَرِهُوا مَا أُنْزِلَ اللَّهُ فَاحْبَطُوا أَعْمَالَهُمْ ۝  
أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ  
الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۖ دُمِّرَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلِلْكَافِرِينَ  
أَمْثَالُهَا ۝ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ مَوْلَى الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَ  
أَنَّ الْكَافِرِينَ لَا مَوْلَى لَهُمْ ۝ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَدْخُلُ الَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا  
الْأَنْهَارُ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يَتَمَتَّعُونَ وَيَأْكُلُونَ كَمَا  
تَأْكُلُ الْأَنْعَامُ وَالنَّارُ مَثْوًى لَهُمْ ۝ وَكَأَيِّنْ مِنْ  
قَرْيَةٍ هِيَ أَشَدُّ قُوَّةً مِنْ قَرْيَتِكَ الَّتِي أَخْرَجَتْكَ ۚ

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1031 Once in Paradise, the believers will recognize their mansions just like they recognized their homes in the world.

1032 Meaning, the disbelievers enjoy their life to the fullest while they are heedless of what will happen to them in the Hereafter, just like the cattle that graze in the pasture are unaware that they will probably end up in the slaughter house.



أَهْلَكْنَاهُمْ فَلَا نَاصِرَ لَهُمْ ۝ أَفَمَنْ كَانَ عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِّنْ  
 رَبِّهِ كَمَنْ زُيِّنَ لَهُ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ وَاتَّبَعُوا أَهْوَاءَهُمْ ۝  
 مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وَعَدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ ۖ فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ  
 مَّاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ ۖ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ لَّبَنٍ لَّمْ يَتَغَيَّرْ طَعْمُهُ ۖ  
 وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ خَمْرٍ لَّذَّةٍ لِلشَّرْبِ ۖ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ  
 عَسَلٍ مُّصَفًّى ۖ وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ  
 وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِّنْ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ كَمَنْ هُوَ خَالِدٌ فِي النَّارِ  
 وَسُقُوا مَاءً حَمِيمًا فَقَطَّعَ أَمْعَاءَهُمْ ۝ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ  
 يَسْتَمِعُ إِلَيْكَ ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا خَرَجُوا مِنْ عِنْدِكَ قَالُوا  
 لِلَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ مَاذَا قَالَ أَنْفَا۟ۥ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ  
 طَبَعَ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ وَاتَّبَعُوا أَهْوَاءَهُمْ ۝  
 وَالَّذِينَ اهْتَدَوْا زَادَهُمْ هُدًى وَآتَاهُمْ تَقْوَاهُمْ ۝  
 فَهَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا السَّاعَةَ أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ بَغْتَةً ۖ

and there was none to help them! 14. Can those 'believers' who stand on clear proof from their Lord be like those whose evil deeds are made appealing to them and 'only' follow their desires?

#### *Delights of Paradise*

15. The description of the Paradise promised to the righteous is that in it are rivers of fresh water, rivers of milk that never changes in taste, rivers of wine delicious to drink, and rivers of pure honey. There they will 'also' have all kinds of fruit, and forgiveness from their Lord. 'Can they be' like those who will stay in the Fire forever, left to drink boiling water that will tear apart their insides?

#### *Qualities of the Hypocrites*

##### *1) Mockery*

16. There are some of them who listen to you 'O Prophet', but when they depart from you, they say 'mockingly' to those 'believers' gifted with knowledge, "What did he just say?" These are the ones whose hearts Allah has sealed and who 'only' follow their desires. 17. As for those who are 'rightly' guided, He increases them in guidance and blesses them with righteousness. 18. Are they only waiting for the Hour to take them by surprise? Yet 'some of' its signs have already come. <sup>1033</sup>

Once it actually befalls them, will it not be too late to be mindful?

#### Advice to the Prophet

19. So, know 'well, O Prophet,' that there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Allah. And seek forgiveness for your shortcomings<sup>1034</sup> and for 'the sins of' the believing men and women. For Allah 'fully' knows your movements and places of rest 'O people'.

#### Qualities of the Hypocrites

##### 2) Cowardice

20. And the believers say, "If only a sûrah was revealed 'allowing self-defence!'" Yet when a precise sûrah is revealed, in which fighting is 'explicitly' mentioned, you see those with sickness in their hearts staring at you like someone in the throes of death. It would have been better for them 21. to obey and speak rightly. Then when fighting was ordained, it surely would have been better for them if they were true to Allah. 22. Now if you 'hypocrites' turn away, perhaps you would then spread corruption throughout the land and sever your 'ties of kinship!'<sup>1035</sup> 23. These are the ones who Allah has condemned, deafening them and blinding their eyes. 24. Do they not then reflect on the Quran? Or are there locks upon their hearts?

فَقَدْ جَاءَ أَشْرَاطُهَا ۚ فَأَنَّى لَهُمْ إِذَا جَاءَ تُهْمُهُمْ  
ذِكْرُهُمْ ۝ (١٨) فَأَعْلَمَ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرُ  
لِدُنْيِكَ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ  
مُتَقَلِّبَكُمْ وَثَوْبَكُمْ ۝ (١٩) وَيَقُولُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَوْلَا  
نُزِلَتْ سُورَةٌ ۚ فَإِذَا أُنْزِلَتْ سُورَةٌ تُحْكِمَةُ  
وَذِكْرٌ فِيهَا الْقِتَالُ ۚ رَأَيْتَ الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ  
مَرَضٌ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَيْكَ نَظَرَ الْمَغْشَىٰ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ  
الْمَوْتِ ۖ فَأَوَلَىٰ لَهُمْ ۝ (٢٠) طَاعَةٌ وَقَوْلٌ مَّعْرُوفٌ ۚ  
فَإِذَا عَزَمَ الْأَمْرُ فَلَوْ صَدَقُوا اللَّهَ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا  
لَّهُمْ ۝ (٢١) فَهَلْ عَسَيْتُمْ إِنْ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ أَنْ تُفْسِدُوا  
فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَقَطَّعُوا أَرْحَامَكُمْ ۝ (٢٢) أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ  
لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ فَأَصَمَّهُمْ وَأَعَمَّى أَبْصَارَهُمْ ۝ (٢٣) أَفَلَا  
يَتَذَكَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ أَمْ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبٍ أَقْفَالُهَا ۝ (٢٤) إِنَّ

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1034 Like other prophets, Muhammad (ﷺ) was infallible of sin. The verse here refers to misjudgments, such as the example given in 80:1-10. If the Prophet (ﷺ) himself is urged to seek forgiveness, then the believers are even more in need of praying for Allah's forgiveness.

1035 As you did before Islam.

الَّذِينَ ارْتَدُّوا عَلَىٰ أَدْبَارِهِمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ

لَهُمُ الْهُدَىٰ ۚ الشَّيْطَانُ سَوَّلَ لَهُمْ وَأَمْلَىٰ لَهُمْ ﴿٢٥﴾

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لِلَّذِينَ كَرِهُوا مَا نَزَّلَ اللَّهُ

سُطُوعُكُمْ فِي بَعْضِ الْأُمْرِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِسْرَارَهُمْ ﴿٢٦﴾

فَكَيْفَ إِذَا تَوَفَّتْهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ يُضْرَبُونَ وَجُوهَهُمْ

وَأَدْبَارَهُمْ ﴿٢٧﴾ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ اتَّبَعُوا مَا اسْتَحْطَ اللَّهُ

وَكَرِهُوا رِضْوَانَهُ ۖ فَاحْبَطَ أَعْمَالَهُمْ ﴿٢٨﴾ أَمْ حَسِبَ

الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ أَن لَّنْ يُخْرِجَ اللَّهُ

أَصْغَانَهُمْ ﴿٢٩﴾ وَلَوْ نَشَاءُ لَأَرَيْنَاكَهُمْ فَلَعَرَفْتَهُمْ

بِسِيمَتِهِمْ ۗ وَلَتَعْرِفَنَّهُمْ فِي لَحْنِ الْقَوْلِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ

يَعْلَمُ أَعْمَالَكُمْ ﴿٣٠﴾ وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ حَتَّىٰ نَعْلَمَ الْمُجْتَهِدِينَ

مِّنْكُمْ وَالصَّابِرِينَ ۚ وَنَبْلُوا أَخْبَارَكُمْ ﴿٣١﴾ إِنَّ

الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَصَدُّوا عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَشَاقُّوا

### Warning to Hypocrites

25. Indeed, those who relapse 'into disbelief' after 'true' guidance has become clear to them, 'it is' Satan 'that' has tempted them, luring them with false hopes. 26. That is because they said 'privately' to those who 'also' detest what Allah has revealed, "We will obey you in some matters."<sup>1036</sup> But Allah 'fully' knows what they are hiding. 27. Then how 'horrible' will it be when the angels take their souls, beating their faces and backs! 28. This is because they follow whatever displeases Allah and hate whatever pleases Him, so He has rendered their deeds void.

### Another Warning to Hypocrites

29. Or do those with sickness in their hearts think that Allah will not 'be able to' expose their malice? 30. Had We willed, We could have truly shown them to you 'O Prophet', and you would have certainly recognized them by their appearance. But you will surely recognize them by their tone of speech. And Allah 'fully' knows your doings 'O people'.

### Wisdom Behind the Test

31. We will certainly test you 'believers' until We prove those of you who 'truly' struggle 'in Allah's cause' and remain steadfast, and reveal how you conduct yourselves.

### Reward of the Disbelievers

32. Indeed, those who disbelieve, hinder 'others' from the Way of Allah,

and defy the Messenger after 'true' guidance has become clear to them; they will not harm Allah in the least, but He will render their deeds void.

#### *Advice to the Believers*

33. O believers! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger, and do not let your deeds be in vain. 34. Surely those who disbelieve, hinder 'others' from the Way of Allah, and then die as disbelievers; Allah will never forgive them. 35. So do not falter or cry for peace, for you will have the upper hand and Allah is with you. And He will never let your deeds go to waste.

#### *Test of Faith*

36. This worldly life is no more than play and amusement. But if you are faithful and mindful 'of Allah', He will grant you your 'full' reward, and will not ask you 'to donate all' your wealth. 37. If He were to do so and pressure you, you would withhold and He would bring out your resentment. 38. Here you are, being invited to donate 'a little' in the cause of Allah. Still some of you withhold. And whoever does so, it is only to their own loss. For Allah is the Self-Sufficient, whereas you stand in need 'of Him'.

الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الْهُدَىٰ ۚ لَنْ يَضُرُّوا اللَّهَ شَيْئًا وَسَيُحِطُ أَعْمَالُهُمْ ۖ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَلَا تُبْطِلُوا أَعْمَالَكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ مَاتُوا وَهُمْ كُفَّارٌ فَلَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ ۚ فَلَا تَهِنُوا وَتَدْعُوا إِلَى السَّلَامِ ۖ وَأَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ ۖ وَاللَّهُ مَعَكُمْ وَلَنْ يَتْرَكَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ ۚ

إِنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَلَهُوَ ۖ وَإِنْ تُؤْمِنُوا وَتَتَّقُوا يُؤْتِكُمْ أَجُورَكُمْ وَلَا يَسْأَلْكُمْ أَمْوَالَكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ يَسْأَلْكُمْ مَا فِي حُفْرِكُمْ تَبْخُلُوا وَيُخْرِجْ أَصْغَانَكُمْ ۚ هَآأَنْتُمْ هَؤُلَاءِ تَدْعُونَ لِتَنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۖ فَمِنْكُمْ مَنْ يَبْخُلُ ۖ وَمَنْ يَبْخُلْ فَإِنَّمَا يَخِلْ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ الْغَنِيُّ وَأَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ ۚ

↑ If you 'still' turn away, He will replace you with another people. And they will not be like you.

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#### 48. The Triumph (Al-Fath)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

##### Treaty of Hudaibiyah

1. Indeed, We have granted you a clear triumph 'O Prophet' 2. so that Allah may forgive you for your past and future shortcomings,<sup>1037</sup> perfect His favour upon you, guide you along the Straight Path, 3. and so that Allah will help you tremendously. 4. He is the One Who sent down serenity upon the hearts of the believers so that they may increase even more in their faith. To Allah 'alone' belong the forces of the heavens and the earth. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. 5. So He may admit believing men and women into Gardens under which rivers flow—to stay there forever—and absolve them of their sins. And that is a supreme achievement in the sight

وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا يَسْتَبْدِلْ قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ ۖ ثُمَّ لَا

يَكُونُوا أَمْثَالَكُمْ ﴿٢٩﴾

﴿٢٩﴾ سُبْحَانَ الْقَوَّامِ ﴿٣٨﴾ ﴿كُونُوا ٢﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾

إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُبِينًا ﴿١﴾ لِيَغْفِرَ لَكَ اللَّهُ مَا

تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِكَ وَمَا تَأَخَّرَ وَيُتِمَّ نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكَ

وَيَهْدِيكَ صِرَاطًا مُسْتَقِيمًا ﴿٢﴾ وَيُنْصِرَكَ اللَّهُ

نَصْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٣﴾ هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ السَّكِينَةَ فِي

قُلُوبِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ لِيَزْدَادُوا إِيمَانًا مَعَ إِيمَانِهِمْ ۖ

وَلِلَّهِ جُنُودُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا

حَكِيمًا ﴿٤﴾ لِيَدْخُلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ

تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَيُكَفِّرَ

عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ ۖ وَكَانَ ذَلِكَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ قَوْمًا

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of Allah. 6. Also 'so that' He may punish hypocrite men and women and polytheistic men and women, who harbour evil thoughts of Allah. <sup>1038</sup> May ill-fate befall them! Allah is displeased with them. He has condemned them and prepared for them Hell. What an evil destination! 7. To Allah 'alone' belong the forces of the heavens and the earth. And Allah is Almighty, All-Wise.

#### *The Prophet's Duty*

8. Indeed, 'O Prophet,' We have sent you as a witness, a deliverer of good news, and a warner, 9. so that you 'believers' may have faith in Allah and His Messenger, support and honour him, and glorify Allah morning and evening. <sup>1039</sup>

#### *Allegiance Under the Tree<sup>1040</sup>*

10. Surely those who pledge allegiance to you 'O Prophet' are actually pledging allegiance to Allah. Allah's Hand is over theirs. Whoever breaks their pledge, it will only be to their own loss. And whoever fulfils their pledge to Allah, He will grant them a great reward.

#### *Fake Excuses for Not Travelling to Mecca*

11. The nomadic Arabs, who stayed behind, will say to you 'O Prophet', "We were preoccupied with our wealth and families, so ask for forgiveness for us."

عَظِيمًا ٥ وَيُعَذِّبُ الْمُنْفِقِينَ وَالْمُنْفِقَتِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَالْمُشْرِكَاتِ الظَّالِمِينَ بِاللَّهِ ظَنَّ السَّوْءِ ٦ عَلَيْهِمْ دَآئِرَةُ السَّوْءِ ٧ وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَعَنَهُمْ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ جَهَنَّمَ ٨ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا ٩ وَاللَّهُ جُنُودُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ١٠ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا ١١ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا ١٢ لَتَتُومِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ١٣ وَتُعِزُّوهُ وَتُقَرِّبُوهُ ١٤ وَتُسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا ١٥ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُبَايِعُونَكَ إِنَّمَا يُبَايِعُونَ اللَّهَ ١٦ يَدُ اللَّهِ فَوْقَ أَيْدِيهِمْ ١٧ فَمَنْ نَكَثَ فَإِنَّمَا يَنْكُثُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ ١٨ وَمَنْ أَوْفَى بِمَا عَاهَدَ عَلَيْهِ اللَّهُ فَسَيُؤْتِيهِ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ١٩ سَيَقُولُ لَكَ الْمُخَلَّفُونَ مِنَ الْأَعْرَابِ شَغَلَتْنَا أَمْوَالُنَا

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<sup>1038</sup> i.e., that Allah will not support His Prophet (ﷺ) and that misfortune will befall the believers.

<sup>1039</sup> Another possible translation: "... so that you 'all' may believe in Allah and His Messenger, support 'His cause', revere, and glorify Him morning and evening."

<sup>1040</sup> See the introduction for this sūrah.

وَأَهْلُونَا فَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَنَا ۖ يَقُولُونَ بِالسِّتَرِ  
 مَا لَيْسَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ ۖ قُلْ فَمَنْ يَمْلِكُ لَكُمْ  
 مِنْ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا إِنْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ ضَرًّا أَوْ أَرَادَ  
 بِكُمْ نَفْعًا ۚ بَلْ كَانِ اللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴿١١﴾  
 بَلْ ظَنَنْتُمْ أَنْ لَنْ يَنْقَلِبَ الرَّسُولُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ  
 إِلَىٰ أَهْلِيهِمْ أَبَدًا وَزَيَّنَ ذَلِكَ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ  
 وَظَنَّتُمْ ظَنًّا سَوْءًا ۚ وَكُنْتُمْ قَوْمًا بُورًا ﴿١٢﴾  
 وَمَنْ لَّمْ يُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ فَإِنَّا أَعْتَدْنَا  
 لِلْكَافِرِينَ سَعِيرًا ﴿١٣﴾ وَبِاللَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
 يَعْزُزُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيُعَذِّبُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ  
 غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿١٤﴾ سَيَقُولُ الْخَلْفُونَ إِذَا انْطَلَقْتُمْ  
 إِلَىٰ مَغَائِمٍ لِّتَأْخُذُوا هَا ذَرُونَا نَتَّبِعْكُمْ ۚ  
 يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُبَدِّلُوا كَلِمَ اللَّهِ ۚ قُلْ لَنْ تَتَّبِعُونَا

They say with their tongues what is not in their hearts. Say, "Who then can stand between you and Allah in any way, if He intends harm or benefit for you? In fact, Allah is All-Aware of what you do. 12. The truth is: you thought that the Messenger and the believers would never return to their families again. And that was made appealing in your hearts. You harboured evil thoughts 'about Allah', and 'so' became a doomed people." 13. And whoever does not believe in Allah and His Messenger, then We surely have prepared for the disbelievers a blazing Fire. 14. To Allah 'alone' belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He forgives whoever He wills, and punishes whoever He wills. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### *Shares in the Spoils of War*

15. Those who stayed behind will say, when you 'believers' set out to take the spoils of war, "Let us accompany you." They wish to change Allah's promise.<sup>1041</sup> Say, 'O Prophet,' "You will not accompany us. This is what Allah has said before."

1041. Those who pledged allegiance at Hudaibiyah were promised by Allah that the spoils of war obtained from the Tribe of Khaibar would be exclusively theirs.

They will then say, "In fact, you are driven by jealousy against us!"<sup>1042</sup> The truth is: they can hardly comprehend.

#### *A Second Chance*

16. Say to nomadic Arabs, who stayed behind, "You will be called 'to fight' against a people of great might,<sup>1043</sup> who you will fight unless they submit. If you then obey, Allah will grant you a fine reward. But if you turn away as you did before, He will inflict upon you a painful punishment."

#### *Those Exempted from Fighting*

17. There is no blame on the blind, or the disabled, or the sick 'for staying behind'. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger will be admitted by Him into Gardens under which rivers flow. But whoever turns away will be subjected by Him to a painful punishment.

#### *Allegiance of the Faithful*

18. Indeed, Allah was pleased with the believers when they pledged allegiance to you 'O Prophet' under the tree. He knew what was in their hearts, so He sent down serenity upon them and rewarded them with a victory at hand,<sup>1044</sup>

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كَذٰلِكُمْ قَالَ اللّٰهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۚ فَسَيَقُولُوْنَ بَلْ  
تَحْسُدُوْنَ عَلَيْنَا ۚ بَلْ كَانُوْا لَا يَفْقَهُوْنَ اِلَّا قَلِيْلًا ﴿١٥﴾  
قُلْ لِلْمُخَلَّفِيْنَ مِنَ الْاَعْرَابِ سَتُدْعَوْنَ اِلَى قَوْمٍ  
اَوَّلٰى بِاِسِّ شَدِيْدٍ ثَقَاتِلُوْنَهُمْ اَوْ يُسَلِّمُوْنَ ۚ  
فَاِنْ تُطِيعُوْا يُوَفِّتْكُمُ اللّٰهُ اَجْرًا حَسَنًا ۚ وَاِنْ  
تَتَوَلَّوْا كَمَا تَوَلَّيْتُمْ مِّنْ قَبْلُ يُعَذِّبْكُمْ عَذَابًا  
اَلِيْمًا ﴿١٦﴾ لَيْسَ عَلَى الْاَعْمٰى حَرْجٌ وَّلَا عَلَى الْاَعْرَجِ  
حَرْجٌ وَّلَا عَلَى الْمَرِيْضِ حَرْجٌ ۚ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللّٰهَ  
وَرَسُوْلَهُ يَدْخُلْهُ جَنَّتٍ تَجْرٰى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا  
الْاَنْهَارُ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّ يُعَذِّبْهُ عَذَابًا اَلِيْمًا ﴿١٧﴾  
لَقَدْ رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ اِذْ يُبَايِعُوْنَكَ  
تَحْتَ الشَّجَرَةِ فَعَلِمَ مَا فِيْ قُلُوْبِهِمْ فَاَنْزَلَ  
السَّكِيْنَةَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَاَثَابَهُمْ فَتْحًا قَرِيْبًا ﴿١٨﴾ وَمَغَانِمَ

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1042 Meaning, you only say so to deprive us of our share.

1043 This refers to Hawâzin and Thaqlîf, two pagan Arab tribes.

1044 The conquest of Khaibar in 7 A.H./628 C.E.



كَثِيرَةً يَأْخُذُونَهَا ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا ﴿١٩﴾  
 وَعَدَكُمْ اللَّهُ مَغَانِمَ كَثِيرَةً تَأْخُذُونَهَا فَعَجَّلَ  
 لَكُمْ هَذِهِ وَكَفَّ أَيْدِيَ النَّاسِ عَنْكُمْ ۚ وَلِتَكُونَ  
 آيَةً لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَيَهْدِيَكُمْ صِرَاطًا مُّسْتَقِيمًا ﴿٢٠﴾  
 وَآخَرَى لَمْ تَقْدِرُوا عَلَيْهَا قَدْ أَحَاطَ اللَّهُ بِهَا ۖ  
 وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرًا ﴿٢١﴾ وَلَوْ قَتَلَكُمْ  
 الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوَلَّوْا الْآدْبَارَ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُونَ وَلِيًّا  
 وَلَا نَصِيرًا ﴿٢٢﴾ سُنَّةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ  
 قَبْلُ ۚ وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّةِ اللَّهِ تَبْدِيلًا ﴿٢٣﴾ وَهُوَ  
 الَّذِي كَفَّ أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَنْكُمْ ۖ وَأَيْدِيَكُمْ عَنْهُمْ  
 بِبَطْنِ مَكَّةَ مِنْ بَعْدِ أَنْ أَظْفَرَكُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ ۗ  
 وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرًا ﴿٢٤﴾ هُمُ الَّذِينَ  
 كَفَرُوا وَصَدُّوكُمْ عَنِ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ وَالْهَدْيِ

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19. and many spoils of war they will gain. For Allah is Almighty, All-Wise. 20. Allah has promised you "believers" abundant spoils, which you will gain, so He hastened this "truce"<sup>1045</sup> for you. And He has held people's hands back from "harming" you, so it may be a sign for the believers, and so He may guide you along the Straight Path. 21. And "there are" other gains which are beyond your reach that Allah is keeping in store "for you". For Allah is Most Capable of everything.

#### *The Believers Will Prevail*

22. If the disbelievers were to fight you, they would certainly flee.<sup>1046</sup> Then they would never find any protector or helper. 23. "This is" Allah's way, already long established "in the past". And you will find no change in Allah's way.

#### *Wisdom Behind the Truce*

24. He is the One Who held back their hands from you and your hands from them in the valley of 'Hudaibiyah, near' Mecca, after giving you the upper hand over "a group of" them.<sup>1047</sup> And Allah is All-Seeing of what you do. 25. They are the ones who persisted in disbelief and hindered you from the Sacred Mosque,

1045 Or the spoils of Khaibar.

1046 lit., turn their backs.

1047 A group of Meccans wanted to attack the Muslims on their way to Mecca, but were taken captive by the Muslims, then were released.

preventing the sacrificial animals from reaching their destination.<sup>1048</sup> 'We would have let you march through Mecca,' had there not been believing men and women, unknown to you. You might have trampled them underfoot, incurring guilt for 'what you did to' them unknowingly. That was so Allah may admit into His mercy whoever He wills.<sup>1049</sup> Had those 'unknown' believers stood apart, We would have certainly inflicted a painful punishment on the disbelievers.

#### Meccan Arrogance

26. 'Remember' when the disbelievers had filled their hearts with pride—the pride of 'pre-Islamic' ignorance<sup>1050</sup>—then Allah sent down His serenity upon His Messenger and the believers, inspiring them to uphold the declaration of faith,<sup>1051</sup> for they were better entitled and more worthy of it. And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things.

#### The Prophet's Vision<sup>1052</sup>

27. Indeed, Allah will fulfil His Messenger's vision in all truth: Allah willing, you will surely enter the Sacred Mosque, in security—'some with' heads shaved and 'others with' hair shortened—without fear.<sup>1053</sup> He knew what you did not know, so He first granted you the triumph at hand.<sup>1054</sup>

مَعْكُوفًا أَنْ يَبْلُغَ مَحَلَّهُ ۖ وَلَوْلَا رِجَالُ مُؤْمِنُونَ  
وَنِسَاءُ مُؤْمِنَاتٍ لَّمْ تَعْلَمُوهُمْ أَنْ تَطَؤُوهُمْ  
فَتُصِيبَكُمْ مِنْهُمْ مَعَرَّةٌ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ ۚ لِيَدْخُلَ  
اللَّهُ فِي رَحْمَتِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ لَوْ تَزَيَّلُوا لَعَذَّبْنَا  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ۝٢٦  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْحَمِيَّةُ حَمِيَّةُ  
الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ  
وَعَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْزَمَهُمْ كَلِمَةَ التَّقْوَى وَكَانُوا  
أَحَقَّ بِهَا وَأَهْلَهَا ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا ۝٢٧  
لَقَدْ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ رَسُولَهُ الرُّعْيَا بِالْحَقِّ ۚ لَتَدْخُلُنَّ  
الْمَسْجِدَ الْحَرَامَ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ آمِنِينَ ۚ مُحَلِّقِينَ  
رُءُوسَكُمْ وَمُقَصِّرِينَ ۚ لَا تَعَاْفُونَ ۚ فَعَلِمَ مَا لَمْ  
تَعْلَمُوا فَجَعَلَ مِنْ دُونِ ذَلِكَ فَتْحًا قَرِيبًا ۝٢٨

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1048 The animals that the Muslims had brought along to be sacrificed after completing the rituals of the minor pilgrimage ('umrah).

1049 By doing so, the Meccan Muslims who were unknown to their fellow believers were safe, along with the pagans who later accepted Islam.

1050 This is when the pagans prevented the Prophet (ﷺ) and the believers from entering the Sacred House for 'umrah and the arrogance they showed when drafting the peace agreement.

1051 The declaration of faith that there is only one God to be worshipped and that Muhammad (ﷺ) is His Messenger.

1052 The Prophet (ﷺ) had a dream that he and his companions were going to enter the Sacred Mosque in peace.

1053 Pilgrims are required to shave or trim their hair upon successfully completing the rituals of pilgrimage.

1054 This refers to the Treaty of Hudaibiyah and/or the gains of Khaibar before the fulfilment of the Prophet's vision to enter Mecca for 'umrah.

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَى وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ  
 لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ ۚ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا ۝  
 مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ أَشِدَّاءُ عَلَى  
 الْكُفَّارِ رُحَمَاءُ بَيْنَهُمْ تَرَاهُمْ رُكَّعًا سُجَّدًا يَبْتَغُونَ  
 فَضْلًا مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانًا سِيمَاهُمْ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ  
 مِّنْ أَثَرِ السُّجُودِ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ مَثَلُهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ ۚ وَ  
 مَثَلُهُمْ فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ ۚ كَذَرِيعٍ أَخْرَجَ شَطْطَهُ فَازْرَأَهُ  
 فَاسْتَغَلَظَ فَاَسْتَوَىٰ عَلَىٰ سَوْقِهِ يَعْجِبُ الرَّاعِ  
 لِيَغِيظَ بِهِمُ الْكُفَّارَ ۚ وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَ  
 عَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنْهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ۝

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَقْدِمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيِ اللَّهِ

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28. He is the One Who has sent His Messenger with 'right' guidance and the religion of truth, making it prevail over all others. And sufficient is Allah as a Witness.

#### Believers' Description in the Torah

29. Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. And those with him are firm with the disbelievers<sup>1055</sup> and compassionate with one another. You see them bowing and prostrating<sup>1056</sup> 'in prayer', seeking Allah's bounty and pleasure. The sign 'of brightness can be seen' on their faces from the trace of prostrating 'in prayer'. This is their description in the Torah.<sup>1057</sup>

#### Believers' Description in the Gospel

And their parable in the Gospel is that of a seed that sprouts its 'tiny' branches, making it strong. Then it becomes thick, standing firmly on its stem, to the delight of the planters<sup>1058</sup>—in this way Allah makes the believers a source of dismay for the disbelievers.<sup>1059</sup> To those of them who believe and do good, Allah has promised forgiveness and a great reward.



#### 49. The Private Quarters (Al-Hujurat)

In the Name of Allah—  
 the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Manners with the Prophet 1) Respect Authority

1. O believers! Do not proceed 'in

1055 This passage and the next should be understood in their historical context. The Muslims were urged to be firm with the Arab pagans and their allies who were at war with the Muslims at that time. Otherwise, Islam encourages Muslims to treat peaceful non-Muslims with kindness and fairness. See 60:8-9.

1056 Prostration means lying down on one's face (i.e., touching the ground with the forehead and nose while resting on knees and flat palms of both hands) as an act of prayer and submission to Allah.

1057 In Deuteronomy 33:1-3, 'Moses proclaimed: "The Lord came from Sinai. Rising from Seir upon us, he shone forth from Mount Paran, accompanied by a myriad of his holy ones, with flaming fire from his right hand for them. Indeed, lover of people, all of his holy ones are in your control. They gather at your feet to do as you have instructed. [sic]" Paran is a mountain in Mecca.

1058 In Matthew 13:3-9, "Jesus" spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow. ... "A seed" fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. "He who has ears, let him hear." Or the parable of the growing seed in Mark 4:26-28.

1059 See the first footnote for 48:29.

any matter' before 'a decree from' Allah and His Messenger. And fear Allah. Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

*Manners with the Prophet 2) Watch Your Tongue*

2. O believers! Do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet, nor speak loudly to him as you do to one another,<sup>1060</sup> or your deeds will become void while you are unaware. 3. Indeed, those who lower their voices in the presence of Allah's Messenger are the ones whose hearts Allah has refined for righteousness. They will have forgiveness and a great reward.

*Manners with the Prophet 3) Respect Privacy*

4. Indeed, most of those who call out to you 'O Prophet' from outside 'your' private quarters have no understanding 'of manners'.<sup>1061</sup> 5. Had they been patient until you could come out to them, it would have certainly been better for them. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

*Social Etiquette 1) Verifying News*

6. O believers, if an evildoer brings you any news, verify 'it' so you do not harm people unknowingly, becoming regretful for what you have done.<sup>1062</sup> 7. And keep in mind that

وَرَسُولِهِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ①  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ  
صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ  
بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَنْ تَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ  
لَا تَشْعُرُونَ ② إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَغُضُّونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ  
عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ امْتَحَنَ اللَّهُ  
قُلُوبَهُمْ لِلتَّقْوَى لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ③  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُنَادُونَكَ مِنْ وَرَاءِ الْحُجُرَاتِ أَكْثَرُهُمْ  
لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ④ وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ صَبَرُوا حَتَّى تَخْرُجَ  
إِلَيْهِمْ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ⑤  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنْ جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ  
فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَنْ تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهَالَةٍ فَتُصْحَبُوا  
عَلَى مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نُدْمِينَ ⑥ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ فِيكُمْ رَسُولَ

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1060 There is also a different interpretation: "... nor call him 'by his name' as you call one another." In other words, Do not say, 'O Muhammad.' Rather, say, 'O Prophet.'

1061 A group from the tribe of Bani Tamîm came to see the Prophet (ﷺ) while he was taking a nap in the afternoon. They stood outside the homes of his wives and started calling him out loud.

1062 Al-Walid ibn 'Uqbah ibn Abi Mu'ait was sent by the Prophet (ﷺ) to collect alms-tax from Bani Al-Mustaliq. They went out to receive Al-Walid but he assumed they wanted to harm him. Therefore, he quickly returned to the Prophet (ﷺ) with the bad news so he would punish them. Shortly after, a delegation from Bani Al-Mustaliq came to clarify the misunderstanding.

اللَّهُ لَوْ يُطِيعُكُمْ فِي كَثِيرٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ لَعَنِتُّمْ  
 وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ حَبَّبَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيَّنَهُ فِي  
 قُلُوبِكُمْ وَكَرَّهَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ  
 أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الرَّشِدُونَ ۖ فَضَلَّ اللَّهُ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَنِعْمَ  
 وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ۝ وَإِنْ طَائِفَتَيْنِ مِّنَ  
 الْمُؤْمِنِينَ اقْتَتَلُوا فَأَصْلَحُوا بَيْنَهُمَا ۚ فَإِنْ  
 بَغَتْ إِحْدَاهُمَا عَلَى الْأُخْرَىٰ فَقَاتِلُوا الَّتِي  
 تَبَغَتْ حَتَّىٰ تَفِيءَ إِلَىٰ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ ۚ فَإِنْ فَاءَتْ  
 فَأَصْلَحُوا بَيْنَهُمَا بِالْعَدْلِ وَأَقْسِطُوا ۚ إِنَّ  
 اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ ۝ إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ  
 فَأَصْلَحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ  
 تُرْحَمُونَ ۝ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرُ قَوْمٌ  
 مِّن قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمْ وَلَا

Allah's Messenger is 'still' in your midst. If he were to yield to you in many matters, you would surely suffer 'the consequences'.<sup>1063</sup> But Allah has endeared faith to you, making it appealing in your hearts. And He has made disbelief, rebelliousness, and disobedience detestable to you. Those are the ones rightly guided. 8. 'This is' a bounty and a blessing from Allah. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### Social Etiquette 2) Sense of Brotherhood

9. And if two groups of believers fight each other, then make peace between them. But if one of them transgresses against the other, then fight against the transgressing group until they 'are willing to' submit to the rule of Allah. If they do so, then make peace between both 'groups' in all fairness and act justly. Surely Allah loves those who uphold justice. 10. The believers are but one brotherhood, so make peace between your brothers. And be mindful of Allah so you may be shown mercy.

#### Social Etiquette 3) Respect for All

11. O believers! Do not let some 'men' ridicule others, they may be better than them,

nor let 'some' women ridicule other women, they may be better than them. Do not defame one another, nor call each other by offensive nicknames. How evil it is to act rebelliously after having faith! And whoever does not repent, it is they who are the 'true' wrongdoers. 12. O believers! Avoid many suspicions, 'for' indeed, some suspicions are sinful. And do not spy, nor backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of their dead brother? You would despise that!<sup>1064</sup> And fear Allah. Surely Allah is 'the' Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful.

#### Social Etiquette 4) Equality

13. O humanity! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may 'get to' know one another. Surely the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous among you. Allah is truly All-Knowing, All-Aware.<sup>1065</sup>

#### Actions Speak Louder than Words

14. "Some of" the nomadic Arabs say, "We believe." Say, 'O Prophet,' "You have not believed.

نِسَاءً مِّنْ نِّسَاءٍ عَلَىٰ أَن يَكُنَّ خَيْرًا مِّنْهُنَّ ؕ  
وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِالْأَلْقَابِ ؕ  
بِئْسَ الْإِسْمُ الْفُسُوقُ بَعْدَ الْإِيمَانِ ؕ وَمَنْ  
لَّمْ يَتُبْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ۝<sup>١٢</sup> يَٰأَيُّهَا  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ إِنَّ  
بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ إِشْمٌ وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا وَلَا يَغْتَبِ  
بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا ؕ أَيَحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَن يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ  
أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكَرِهَتْهُمُوهُ ؕ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ؕ إِنَّ  
اللَّهَ تَوَّابٌ رَّحِيمٌ ۝<sup>١٣</sup> يَٰأَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ  
مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ  
لِتَعَارَفُوا ؕ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَىٰكُمْ ؕ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ۝<sup>١٤</sup> قَالَتِ الْأَعْرَابُ آمَنَّا ؕ  
قُلْ لَّمْ تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَكِنْ قَوْلُوا أَسْلَمْنَا وَلَمَّا

<sup>1064</sup> Backbiting people is likened to eating their dead bodies. So if eating someone's flesh is detestable, then backbiting them is no different.

<sup>1065</sup> The Prophet (ﷺ) is reported in a *hadith* collected by Imām Ahmed to have said, "O humanity! Your Lord is one, and your ancestry is one. No Arab is superior to a non-Arab, nor is any non-Arab superior to any Arab. No white is superior to any black, nor is any black superior to any white except on account of their righteousness."

يَدْخُلِ الْإِيمَانُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ ۖ وَإِنْ تُطِيعُوا  
 اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ لَا يَلِتْكُمْ مِنْ أَعْمَالِكُمْ شَيْئًا ۗ  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٣﴾ إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ  
 آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَرْتَابُوا وَجَاهَدُوا  
 بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ  
 هُمُ الصَّدِيقُونَ ﴿١٤﴾ قُلْ أَتَعْلَمُونَ اللَّهَ بِدِينِكُمْ ۗ  
 وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ  
 وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٥﴾ يَمْشُونَ عَلَيْكَ  
 أَنْ أَسْلَمُوا ۗ قُلْ لَا تَمْنُنُوا عَلَيَّ إِسْلَامَكُمْ ۚ  
 بَلِ اللَّهُ يَمُنُّ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ هَدَاكُمْ لِلْإِيمَانِ  
 إِنَّ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١٦﴾ إِنْ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ  
 غَيْبَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بَصِيرٌ بِمَا  
 تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

But say, 'We have submitted,' for faith has not yet entered your hearts.<sup>1066</sup> But if you obey Allah and His Messenger 'wholeheartedly', He will not discount anything from 'the reward of' your deeds. Allah is truly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful." 15. The 'true' believers are only those who believe in Allah and His Messenger—never doubting—and strive with their wealth and their lives in the cause of Allah. They are the ones true in faith. 16. Say, "Do you inform Allah of your faith, when Allah 'already' knows whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth? And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things." 17. They regard their acceptance of Islam as a favour to you. Tell 'them, O Prophet', "Do not regard your Islam as a favour to me. Rather, it is Allah Who has done you a favour by guiding you to the faith, if 'indeed' you are faithful. 18. Surely Allah knows the unseen of the heavens and earth. And Allah is All-Seeing of what you do."



1066 The verse makes a distinction between *Islam* (the declaration of accepting the faith, then performing Islamic duties such as prayers and fasting) and *îmân* (a higher state of Islam, which means to embrace the faith wholeheartedly). This distinction is very clear in a famous narration from the Prophet (ﷺ), commonly known as the *Hadîth* of Gabriel.

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Pagan Denial of Resurrection*

1. *Qāf*. By the glorious Quran!  
2. 'All will be resurrected,' yet the deniers are astonished that a warner has come to them from among themselves 'warning of resurrection'. So the disbelievers say, "This is an astonishing thing! 3. 'Will we be returned to life,' when we are dead and reduced to dust? Such a return is impossible." 4. We certainly know what the earth consumes of them 'after their death', and with us is a well-preserved Record.<sup>1067</sup> 5. In fact, they reject the truth when it has come to them, so they are in a confused state.<sup>1068</sup>

*Allah's Power to Create*

6. Have they not then looked at the sky above them: how We built it and adorned it 'with stars', leaving it flawless? 7. As for the earth, We spread it out and placed upon it firm mountains, and produced in it every type of pleasant plant— 8. 'all as' an insight and a reminder to every servant who turns 'to Allah'. 9. And We send down blessed rain from the sky, bringing forth gardens and

ق ٥٠ (٣٣) سُورَةُ الْقَافِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٥٠) آيَاتُهَا ٣٥

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

ق وَالْقُرْآنِ الْمَجِيدِ ۝ بَلْ عَجِبُوا أَنْ جَاءَهُمْ  
مُنْذِرٌ مِنْهُمْ فَقَالَ الْكُفْرُونَ هَذَا شَيْءٌ  
عَجِيبٌ ۝ آءِ إِذَا مِتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا ۖ ذَلِكَ رَجْعٌ  
بَعِيدٌ ۝ قَدْ عَلِمْنَا مَا تَنْقُصُ الْأَرْضُ مِنْهُمْ ۖ  
وَعِنْدَنَا كِتَابٌ حَفِيفٌ ۝ بَلْ كَذَّبُوا بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا  
جَاءَهُمْ فَهُمْ فِي أَمْرٍ مَرِيجٍ ۝ أَفَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى  
السَّمَاءِ فَوْقَهُمْ كَيْفَ بَنَيْنَاهَا وَزَيَّنَّاهَا وَمَا لَهَا  
مِنْ فُرُوجٍ ۝ وَالْأَرْضَ مَدَدْنَاهَا وَأَلْقَيْنَا فِيهَا  
رَوَاسِيَ وَأَثْبَتْنَا فِيهَا كُلَّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ ۝  
تَبْصِرَةً وَذِكْرَى لِكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُنِيبٍ ۝ وَنَزَّلْنَا  
مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً مُبَارَكًا فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ جَنَّاتٍ وَحَبَّ

الْحَصِيدِ مَائِدَة

<sup>1067</sup> Or a Record preserving 'everything'.

<sup>1068</sup> Meaning, they are confused about the Prophet (ﷺ): some say he is a poet, some say he is a fabricator, while others say he is insane. They also rejected the Quran as poetry, magic, or ancient fables.



الْحَصِيدِ ۝ وَالنَّخْلَ بَسَقَتْ لَهَا طَلْعُ نَضِيدٍ ۝  
 رِزْقًا لِلْعِبَادِ ۝ وَأَحْيَيْنَا بِهِ بَلْدَةً مَّيْتًا ۖ كَذَلِكَ  
 الْخُرُوجُ ۝ كَذَّبَتْ قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ ۖ وَأَصْحَابُ الرَّسِّ  
 وَثَمُودُ ۝ وَعَادٌ وَفِرْعَوْنُ وَإِخْوَانُ لُوطٍ ۖ وَأَصْحَابُ  
 الْأَيْكَةِ وَقَوْمُ تُسُوعَ ۖ كُلٌّ كَذَّبَ الرُّسُلَ فَحَقَّ وَعِيدُ ۝  
 أَفَعَيَيْنَا بِالْخَلْقِ الْأَوَّلِ ۖ بَلْ هُمْ فِي لَبْسٍ مِّنْ خَلْقٍ  
 جَدِيدٍ ۝ وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنسَانَ وَنَعَلَمُ مَا تُوَسَّوَسُ  
 بِهِ نَفْسُهُ ۖ وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ ۝  
 إِذْ يَتَلَقَّى الْمُتَلَقِّينَ عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ الشِّمَالِ  
 قَعِيدٌ ۖ مَا يُلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ  
 عَتِيدٌ ۖ وَجَاءَتْ سَكْرَةُ الْمَوْتِ بِالْحَقِّ ۖ ذَلِكَ  
 مَا كُنْتُمْ مِنْهُ تَحِيدُونَ ۖ وَنُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ ۖ ذَلِكَ  
 يَوْمُ الْوَعِيدِ ۖ وَجَاءَتْ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّعَهَا سَائِقٌ  
 وَشَهِيدٌ ۖ

grains for harvest, 10. and towering palm trees 'loaded' with clustered fruit, 11. 'as' a provision for 'Our' servants. And with this 'rain' We revive a lifeless land. Similar is the emergence 'from the graves'.

#### Deniers Before Arab Pagans

12. Before them, the people of Noah denied 'the truth,' as did the people of the Water-pit,<sup>1069</sup> Thamūd, 13. 'Ad, Pharaoh, the kinfolk of Lot, 14. the residents of the Forest,<sup>1070</sup> and the people of Tubba'.<sup>1071</sup> Each rejected 'their' messenger, so My warning was fulfilled.

#### Allah's Power to Resurrect and Know All

15. Were We incapable of creating 'them' the first time? In fact, they are in doubt about 'their' re-creation. 16. Indeed, 'it is' We 'Who' created humankind and 'fully' know what their souls whisper to them, and We are closer to them than 'their' jugular vein. 17. As the two recording-angels—'one' sitting to the right, and 'the other to' the left—note 'everything', 18. not a word does a person utter without having a 'vigilant' observer ready 'to write it down'.<sup>1072</sup>

#### Bad News for the Deniers

19. 'Ultimately,' with the throes of death will come the truth.<sup>1073</sup> This is what you were trying to escape!

20. And the Trumpet will be blown.<sup>1074</sup> This is the Day 'you were' warned of. 21. Each soul will come forth with an angel to drive it

1069 Ar-Rass means "well" or "water-pit". This refers to a pagan people, along with Midian, to whom Allah sent Prophet Shu'aib (ﷺ).

1070 The people of Shu'aib (ﷺ).

1071 Tubba' Al-Himiyari was an ancient righteous Yemeni king whose people persisted in disbelief and were destroyed, although they were superior to the Meccans in strength and manpower.

1072 The angel to the right records the good deeds of each person, while the one to the left records every evil deed. They always accompany the person at all times, except when one uses the toilet or is intimate with their spouse.

1073 When a denier dies, they will realize that resurrection, judgment, Paradise, and Hell are all true.

1074 This is the second blow which will cause all to come back to life for judgment.

and another to testify. 22. 'It will be said to the denier,' "You were totally heedless of this. Now We have lifted this veil of yours, so Today your sight is sharp!" 23. And one's accompanying-angel will say, "Here is the record ready with me." 24. 'It will be said to both angels,' "Throw into Hell every stubborn disbeliever, 25. withholder of good, transgressor, and doubter, 26. who set up another god with Allah. So cast them into the severe punishment."

#### *The Misleaders and the Misled*

27. One's 'devilish' associate will say, "Our Lord! I did not make them transgress. Rather, they were far astray 'on their own'." 28. Allah will respond, "Do not dispute in My presence, since I had already given you a warning. 29. My Word cannot be changed,<sup>1075</sup> nor am I unjust to 'My' servants." 30. 'Beware of' the Day We will ask Hell, "Are you full 'yet'?" And it will respond, "Are there any more?"

#### *Good News for the Righteous*

31. And Paradise will be brought near to the righteous, not far off. 32. 'And it will be said to them,' "This is what you were promised, for whoever 'constantly' turned 'to Allah' and kept up 'His commandments'— 33. who were in awe of the Most Compassionate without seeing 'Him',<sup>1076</sup> and have come with a heart turning 'only to Him'. 34. Enter it in peace. This is the Day of

وَشَهِيدٌ ۖ لَقَدْ كُنْتَ فِي غَفْلَةٍ مِّنْ هَذَا فَكَشَفْنَا  
عَنكَ غِطَاءَكَ فَبَصَرُكَ الْيَوْمَ حَدِيدٌ ۖ وَقَالَ  
قَرِينُهُ هَذَا مَا لَدَىٰ عَتِيدٍ ۖ أَلْقِيَا فِي جَهَنَّمَ  
كُلَّ كَفَّارٍ عَنِيدٍ ۖ مَّتَاعٍ لِّلْخَيْرِ مُعْتَدٍ مُّرِيبٍ ۖ  
إِلَّذِي جَعَلَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ فَأَلْقِيهِ فِي الْعَذَابِ  
الشَّدِيدِ ۖ قَالَ قَرِينُهُ رَبَّنَا مَا أَطْغَيْتُهُ وَلَٰكِن  
كَانَ فِي ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ ۖ قَالَ لَا تَحْتَصِمُوا لَدَىٰ وَقَدْ  
قَدَّمْتُ إِلَيْكُم بِالْوَعِيدِ ۖ مَا يُبَدِّلُ الْقَوْلُ لَدَىٰ  
وَمَا أَنَا بِظَلَّامٍ لِّلْعَبِيدِ ۖ يَوْمَ نَقُولُ لِجَهَنَّمَ هَلِ  
أَمْتَلَاتِ وَتَقُولُ هَلْ مِنْ مَّزِيدٍ ۖ وَأُزْلِفَتِ  
الْجَنَّةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ غَيْرَ بَعِيدٍ ۖ هَذَا مَا تُوْعَدُونَ  
لِكُلِّ أَوَّابٍ حَفِيظٍ ۖ مَّنْ خَشِيَ الرَّحْمَنَ الْغَيْبَ  
وَجَاءَ بِقَلْبٍ مُّنِيبٍ ۖ ادْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ يَوْمُ

الْخُلُودِ

مَنْزِلٍ

<sup>1075</sup> Meaning, the decree to punish wicked humans and jinn (see 11:119 and 32:13).

<sup>1076</sup> This can also mean that they are in awe of their Lord as much in private as they are in public.

الْخُلُودِ ﴿٣٦﴾ لَهُمْ مَا يَشَاءُونَ فِيهَا وَلَدَيْنَا مَزِيدٌ ﴿٣٧﴾

وَكَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا قَبْلَهُمْ مِنْ قَرْنٍ هُمْ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُمْ

بَطْشًا فَتَقَبُّوْا فِي الْبِلَادِ هَلْ مِنْ مَّحِيصٍ ﴿٣٨﴾ إِنَّ

فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِكْرَى لِمَنْ كَانَ لَهُ قَلْبٌ أَوْ أَلْقَى

السَّمْعَ وَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ

وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ۖ وَمَا مَسَّنَا

مِنْ لُغُوبٍ ﴿٤٠﴾ فَاصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ

رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ الْغُرُوبِ ﴿٤١﴾

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَسَبِّحْهُ وَأَدْبَارَ السُّجُودِ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَاسْتَمِعْ

يَوْمَ يُنَادِ الْمُنَادُ مِنْ مَّكَانٍ قَرِيبٍ ﴿٤٣﴾ يَوْمَ يَمْعُؤْنَ

الصَّيْحَةَ بِالْحَقِّ ۖ ذَلِكَ يَوْمَ الْخُرُوجِ ﴿٤٤﴾ إِنَّا نَحْنُ

نُّحْيِي وَنُمِيتُ وَإِلَيْنَا الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٤٥﴾ يَوْمَ تَشَقَّقُ

الْأَرْضُ عَنْهُمْ سَرَاعًا ۖ ذَلِكَ حَشْرٌ عَلَيْنَا يَسِيرٌ ﴿٤٦﴾

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eternal life!" 35. There they will have whatever they desire, and with Us is 'even' more.<sup>1077</sup>

#### Warning to Meccan Pagans

36. 'Imagine' how many peoples We destroyed before them, who were far mightier than them. Then 'when the torment came,' they 'desperately' sought refuge in the land. 'But' was there any escape? 37. Surely in this is a reminder for whoever has a 'mindful' heart and lends an attentive ear.

#### Did Allah Get Tired?

38. Indeed, We created the heavens and the earth and everything in between in six Days,<sup>1078</sup> and We were not 'even' touched with fatigue.<sup>1079</sup>

39. So be patient 'O Prophet' with what they say. And glorify the praises of your Lord before sunrise and before sunset. 40. And glorify Him during part of the night<sup>1080</sup> and after the prayers.

#### Reassuring the Prophet

41. And listen! On the Day the caller will call out from a near place, 42. the Day all will hear the 'mighty' Blast in 'all' truth,<sup>1081</sup> that will be the Day of emergence 'from the graves'. 43. It is certainly We Who give life and cause death. And to Us is the final return. 44. 'Beware of' the Day the earth will split open, letting them rush forth. That

will be an easy gathering for Us.

1077 i.e., looking at the Face of the Almighty (see 10:26 and 75:22-23).

1078 See footnote for 7:54.

1079 Some scholars believe this verse comes in response to Exodus 31:17, which says, "The Lord made the heavens and the earth in six days, but on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed."

1080 This verse refers to the times of the five daily prayers.

1081 See footnote for 50:20.

45. We know best what they say. And you 'O Prophet' are not 'there' to compel them 'to believe'. So remind with the Quran 'only' those who fear My warning.



### 51. Scattering Winds (Az-Zâriyât)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Judgment Is Inevitable

1. By the winds scattering 'dust',
2. and 'the clouds' loaded with rain,
3. and 'the ships' gliding with ease,
4. and 'the angels' administering affairs by 'Allah's' command! 5. Indeed, what you are promised is true.
6. And the Judgment will certainly come to pass.

#### Warning to the Deniers

7. 'And' by the heavens in their marvellous design!<sup>1082</sup> 8. Surely you are 'lost' in conflicting views 'regarding the truth'.<sup>1083</sup> 9. Only those 'destined to be' deluded are turned away from it.<sup>1084</sup> 10. Condemned are the liars—
11. those who are 'steeped' in ignorance, totally heedless. 12. They ask 'mockingly', "When is this Day of Judgment?" 13. 'It is' the Day they will be tormented over the Fire.
14. 'They will be told,' "Taste your torment! This is what you sought to hasten."

#### Good News for the Devout

15. Indeed, the righteous will be amid Gardens and springs, 16. 'joyfully' receiving what their Lord will grant them.

1082 Or "By the heavens with their marvellous orbits."

1083 See footnote for 50:5.

1084 Other possible translations: 1. "... by which the deluded are turned away." 2. "Whoever is turned away from it is 'truly' deluded."

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 الذَّرِيَّتِ ٥١

نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ وَمَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِجَبَّارٍ فَذَكَرْ بِالْقُرْآنِ مَنْ يَخَافُ وَعِيدَ ١٥

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الْأَيَّامُ ٦٠ (٥١) سُورَةُ الذَّرِيَّتِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٦٤) رُكُوعُهَا ٣

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالذَّرِيَّتِ ذُرَّوًّا ١ فَالْحَمَلِ وَالْقُرْآنِ ٢ فَالْجَبْرِ يُسْرًا ٣ فَالْمَقْسَمِ أَمْرًا ٤ إِنَّمَا تُوْعَدُونَ لَصَادِقٌ ٥ وَإِنَّ الدِّينَ لَوَاقِعٌ ٦ وَالسَّمَاءِ ذَاتِ الْحُبُكِ ٧ إِنَّكُمْ لَفِي قَوْلٍ مُخْتَلِفٍ ٨ يُؤْفَكُ عَنْهُ مَنْ أُفِكَ ٩ قَتَلَ الْخَرْصُونَ ١٠ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي عَمْرَةٍ سَاهُونَ ١١ يَسْأَلُونَ أَيَّانَ يَوْمُ الدِّينِ ١٢ يَوْمَ هُمْ عَلَى النَّارِ يُفْتَنُونَ ١٣ ذُوقُوا فِتْنَتَكُمْ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تَسْتَعْجِلُونَ ١٤ إِنَّ السَّاقِطِينَ فِي جَنَّتٍ وَعُيُونٍ ١٥ اخْذِينَ مَا آتَاهُمْ مِنْهُمْ ١٦ إِنَّهُمْ

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كَانُوا قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ مُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٧﴾ كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ

مَا يَهْجَعُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ وَبِالْأَسْحَارِ هُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ ﴿١٩﴾ وَفِي

أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ لِّلسَّائِلِ وَالْمَحْرُومِ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَفِي الْأَرْضِ

آيَاتٌ لِّلْمُوقِنِينَ ﴿٢١﴾ وَفِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

وَفِي السَّمَاءِ رِزْقُكُمْ وَمَا تُوعَدُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ فَوَرَبَّ السَّمَاءِ

وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّهُ لَحَقٌّ مِّثْلَ مَا أَنْتُمْ تَنْطِقُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ هَلْ

أَتَاكَ حَدِيثٌ ضَلَفَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ الْمَكْرُمِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾ إِذْ دَخَلُوا

عَلَيْهِ فَقَالُوا سَلَامًا ۖ قَالَ سَلَامٌ قَوْمٌ مُّنْكَرُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

فَرَاغَ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ فَجَاءَ بِعِجْلٍ سَمِينٍ ﴿٢٧﴾ فَقَرَّبَهُ إِلَيْهِمْ

قَالَ أَلَا تَأْكُلُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾ فَأَوْجَسَ مِنْهُمْ خِيفَةً ۖ قَالُوا

لَا تَخَفْ ۖ وَبَشِّرُوهُ بَعْلًا عَظِيمٍ ﴿٢٩﴾ فَاقْبَلَتْ أَمْرَاتُهُ

فِي صَافَرَةٍ فَصَكَتْ وَجْهَهَا وَقَالَتْ عَجُوزٌ عَقِيمٌ ﴿٣٠﴾

قَالُوا كَذَلِكَ قَالَ رَبُّكَ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٣١﴾

قَالَ فَمَا خَطْبُكُمْ

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Before this 'reward' they were truly good-doers 'in the world': 17. they used to sleep only little in the night, 18. and pray for forgiveness before dawn.<sup>1085</sup> 19. And in their wealth there was a rightful share 'fulfilled' for the beggar and the poor.

#### Allah's Signs in Creation

20. There are 'countless' signs on earth for those with sure faith, 21. as there are within yourselves. Can you not see? 22. In heaven is your sustenance and whatever you are promised. 23. Then by the Lord of heaven and earth! 'All' this is certainly as true as 'the fact that' you can speak!

#### Abraham Visited by Angels

24. Has the story of Abraham's honoured guests reached you 'O Prophet'? 25. 'Remember' when they entered his presence and greeted 'him with', "Peace!" He replied, "Peace 'be upon you'!" "Then he said to himself," "These are an unfamiliar people." 26. Then he slipped off to his family and brought a fat 'roasted' calf,<sup>1086</sup> 27. and placed it before them, asking, "Will you not eat?" 28. "They did not eat," so he grew fearful of them.<sup>1087</sup> They reassured 'him', "Do not be afraid," and gave him good news of a knowledgeable son.<sup>1088</sup> 29. Then his wife came forward with a cry, clasping her forehead 'in astonishment', exclaiming, "A baby from a barren,

old woman!" 30. They replied, "Such has your Lord decreed. He is truly the All-Wise, All-Knowing."

1085 Optional prayers before dawn are recommended, and are more likely to be accepted.

1086 Abraham (ؑ) did not want his guests to know that he was going to prepare a meal for them so they would not ask him not to.

1087 As mentioned in 11:69-70, the angels came to Abraham in the form of men and when he offered them food, they did not eat. In ancient Middle Eastern culture, if a guest refused to eat the food provided by their host, it was a sign of ill-will.

1088 Prophet Isaac (ؑ).

**Destruction of the People of Lot**

31. 'Later,' Abraham asked, "What is your mission, O messenger-angels?" 32. They replied, "We have actually been sent to a wicked people, 33. to send upon them stones of 'baked' clay, 34. marked by your Lord for the transgressors." 35. Then 'before the torment' We evacuated the believers from the city. 36. But We only found one family that had submitted 'to Allah'.<sup>1089</sup> 37. And We have left a sign there<sup>1090</sup> 'as a lesson' for those who fear the painful punishment.

**Destruction of Pharaoh's People**

38. And in 'the story of' Moses 'was another lesson,' when We sent him to Pharaoh with compelling proof, 39. but Pharaoh was carried away by his power, saying 'of Moses', "A magician or a madman!" 40. So We seized him and his soldiers, casting them into the sea while he was blameworthy.<sup>1091</sup>

**Destruction of the People of Hūd**

41. And in 'the story of' 'Ād 'was another lesson,' when We sent against them the devastating wind.<sup>1092</sup> 42. There was nothing it came upon that it did not reduce to ashes.

**Destruction of the People of Ṣāliḥ**

43. And in 'the story of' Thamūd 'was another lesson,' when they were told, "Enjoy yourselves 'only' for a 'short' while."<sup>1093</sup> 44. Still they persisted in defying the commands of their Lord, so they were overtaken by a 'mighty' blast while they were looking on.

(٢٤) الذِّكْرَاتِ ٥١

قَالَ فَمَا خَطْبُكُمْ أَيُّهَا الْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ قَالُوا إِنَّا أُرْسِلْنَا إِلَى قَوْمٍ مُّجْرِمِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾ لِنُرْسِلَ عَلَيْهِمْ حِجَارَةً مِّن طِينٍ ﴿٣٣﴾ مُّسَوَّمَةً عِندَ رَبِّكَ لِلْمُسْرِفِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾ فَأَخْرَجْنَا مَن كَانَ فِيهَا مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ فَمَا وَجَدْنَا فِيهَا غَيْرَ بَيْتٍ مِّنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَتَرَكْنَا فِيهَا آيَةً لِلَّذِينَ يَخَافُونَ الْعَذَابَ الْأَلِيمَ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَفِي مُوسَى إِذْ أَرْسَلْنَاهُ إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ بِسُلْطَانٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٣٨﴾ فَتَوَلَّىٰ بِرُكْنِهِ وَقَالَ سِحْرٌ أَوْ مَجْنُونٌ ﴿٣٩﴾ فَآخَذْنَاهُ وَجُنُودَهُ فَنَبَذْنَاهُمْ فِي الْيَمِّ وَهُوَ مُلِيمٌ ﴿٤٠﴾ وَفِي عَادٍ إِذْ أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّيحَ الْعَقِيمَ ﴿٤١﴾ مَا تَذَرُ مِن شَيْءٍ أَتَتْ عَلَيْهِ إِلَّا جَعَلَتْهُ كَالرَّمِيمِ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَفِي ثَمُودَ إِذْ قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَمَتَّعُوا حَتَّىٰ حِينٍ ﴿٤٣﴾ فَعَتَوْا عَن أَمْرِ رَبِّهِمْ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الصَّيْقَةُ وَهُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾

فَمَا اسْتَطَاعُوا

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1089 Lot (لوط) and his two daughters.

1090 The ruins of Sodom.

1091 Because of his arrogance and disbelief.

1092 lit., 'a barren wind,' since the wind was not productive—it did not carry rain or fertilize trees.

1093 Meaning, you have only three days to live. See 11:65.

45. Then they were not able to rise up, nor were they helped.

#### *Destruction of the People of Noah*

46. And the people of Noah 'had also been destroyed' earlier. They were truly a rebellious people.

#### *Allah's Power of Creation*

47. We built the universe with 'great' might, and We are certainly expanding 'it'. 48. As for the earth, We spread it out. How superbly did We smooth it out!<sup>1094</sup> 49. And We created pairs of all things<sup>1095</sup> so perhaps you would be mindful.

#### *Wake-up Call to the Deniers*

50. So 'proclaim, O Prophet': "Flee to Allah! I am truly sent by Him with a clear warning to you. 51. And do not set up another god with Allah. I am truly sent by Him with a clear warning to you."

#### *Earlier Deniers*

52. Similarly, no messenger came to those before them without being told: "A magician or a madman!" 53. Have they passed this 'cliché' down to one another? In fact, they have 'all' been a transgressing people. 54. So 'now' turn away from them 'O Prophet', for you will not be blamed.<sup>1096</sup> 55. But 'continue to' remind. For certainly reminders benefit the believers.

#### *The Purpose of Life*

56. I did not create jinn and humans except to worship Me. 57. I seek no provision from them, nor do I need them to feed Me. 58. Indeed, Allah 'alone' is the Supreme Provider—Lord of all Power, Ever Mighty.

فَمَا اسْتَطَاعُوا مِنْ قِيَامٍ وَمَا كَانُوا مُتَصَرِّينَ ﴿٤٥﴾  
وَقَوْمَ نُوحٍ مِّنْ قَبْلُ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمًا فَسِيقِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾  
وَالسَّمَاءَ بَنَيْنَاهَا بِأَيْدٍ وَإِنَّا لَمُوسِعُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَالْأَرْضَ  
فَرَشْنَاهَا فَنِعْمَ الْمُهْدُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾ وَمِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
خَلَقْنَا زَوْجَيْنِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ فَفَرُّوْا إِلَى  
اللَّهِ ۖ إِنِّي لَكُمْ مِّنْهُ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٥٠﴾ وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا مَعَ  
اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ ۖ إِنِّي لَكُمْ مِّنْهُ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٥١﴾ كَذَلِكَ  
مَا آتَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِّنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا قَالُوا سَاحِرٌ  
أَوْ مَجْنُونٌ ﴿٥٢﴾ أَتَوَاصَوْا بِهِ ۚ بَلْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ طَاغُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾  
فَقُولْ عَنْهُمْ قَبْأًا أَنْتَ بِأَلْوَمٍ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَذَكَرْ فَإِنَّ الدَّكْرَى  
تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾ وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا  
لِيَعْبُدُونِ ﴿٥٦﴾ مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِنْ رِّزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ  
يُطْعَمُوا ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْبَتِّينِ ﴿٥٨﴾

فَإِنَّ لِلَّذِينَ

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1094 The globe was spread out to accommodate Allah's creation. The spherical shape of the earth is expressed in 39:5.

1095 For example, male and female, sweet and bitter, day and night, plains and mountains, heat and cold, light and darkness.

1096 Since you have already delivered the message clearly.

**Warning to the Deniers**

59. The wrongdoers will certainly have a share 'of the torment' like that of their predecessors. So do not let them ask Me to hasten 'it'. 60. Woe then to the disbelievers when they face their Day which they are warned of!

**52. Mount Tûr (At-Tûr)**

In the Name of Allah—

the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

**Judgment Is the Truth**

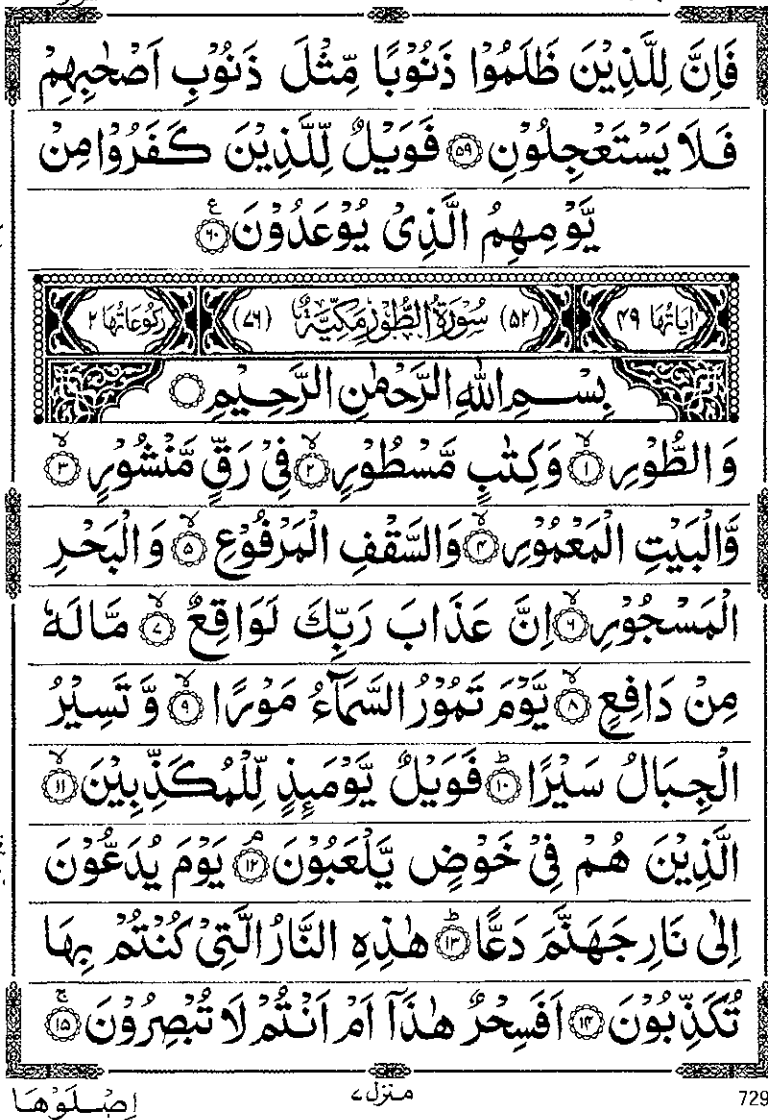
1. By Mount Tûr!<sup>1097</sup> 2. And by the Book written 3. on open pages 'for all to read'!<sup>1098</sup> 4. And by the 'Sacred' House frequently visited!<sup>1099</sup> 5. And by the canopy raised 'high'! 6. And by the seas set on fire!<sup>1100</sup> 7. Indeed, the punishment of your Lord will come to pass— 8. none will avert it— 9. on the Day the heavens will be shaken violently, 10. and the mountains will be blown away entirely.

**Horrors Awaiting the Deniers**

11. Then woe on that Day to the deniers— 12. those who amuse themselves with falsehood! 13. 'It is' the Day they will be fiercely shoved into the Fire of Hell. 14. 'They will be told,' "This is the Fire which you used to deny. 15. Is this magic, or do you not see?

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1097 Where Moses (ﷺ) communicated with Allah.

1098 i.e., the Quran.

1099 This is either the Sacred House in Mecca, which is frequented by pilgrims, or a sanctuary in Heaven, which is frequented by angels.

1100 The seas and oceans will be on fire on Judgment Day.



16. Burn in it! It is the same whether you endure 'it' patiently or not.<sup>1101</sup> You are only rewarded for what you used to do."

### *Pleasures Awaiting the Faithful*

17. Indeed, the righteous will be in Gardens and bliss, 18. enjoying whatever their Lord will have granted them. And their Lord will have protected them from the torment of the Hellfire. 19. 'They will be told,' "Eat and drink happily for what you used to do." 20. They will be reclining on thrones, 'neatly' lined up 'facing each other'. And We will pair them to maidens with gorgeous eyes. 21. As for those who believe and whose descendants follow them in faith, We will elevate their descendants to their rank, never discounting anything 'of the reward' of their deeds. Every person will reap only what they sowed.<sup>1102</sup> 22. And We will 'continually' provide them with whatever fruit or meat they desire. 23. They will pass around to each other a drink 'of pure wine,' which leads to no idle talk or sinfulness. 24. And they will be waited on by their youthful servants like spotless pearls.

### *Remembering Past Lives in Paradise*

25. They will turn to one another

إِصْلَوْهَا فَاصْبِرُوا أَوْ لَا تَصْبِرُوا سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْكُمْ ؕ

إِنَّمَا تُجْزَوْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ إِنَّ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَنَعِيمٍ ﴿١٧﴾ فَكِهِينَ بِمَا آتَاهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ ؕ وَوَقَاهُمْ

رَبُّهُمْ عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿١٨﴾ كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا هَنِيئًا بِمَا

كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٩﴾ مُتَّكِئِينَ عَلَى سُرُرٍ مَّصْفُوفَةٍ ؕ

وَزَوَّجْنَاهُمْ بِحُورٍ عِينٍ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ

ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلَتْنَاهُمْ

مِّنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ ؕ كُلٌّ أُمِرٌ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِيئًا ﴿٢١﴾

وَأَمَدَدْنَاهُمْ بِفَاكِهَةٍ وَلَحْمٍ مِّمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

يَتَنَازَعُونَ فِيهَا كَأْسًا لَا لَغْوٌ فِيهَا وَلَا تَأْتِيهمُ

وَيَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ غِلْمَانٌ لَهُمْ كَأَنَّهُمْ لُؤْلُؤٌ مَّكْنُونٌ ﴿٢٣﴾

وَأَقْبَلَ بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ قَالُوا

إِنَّا كُنَّا قَبْلُ فِي أَهْلِنَا مُشْفِقِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾ فَمَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا

وَوَقَّعَنَا

مَثَلًا

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inquisitively.<sup>1103</sup> 26. They will say, "Before 'this reward' we used to be in awe 'of Allah' in the midst of our people.

1101 One gets the reward for being patient in difficult times in this world. As for the Hereafter, those who suffer patiently in Hell will not be rewarded for their patience.

1102 Meaning, no one will carry the burden of another's sins.

1103 It is assumed that they will ask each other about their lives in the world and what led them to Paradise.

27. So Allah has graced us and protected us from the torment of 'Hell's' scorching heat. 28. Indeed, we used to call upon Him 'alone' before. He is truly the Most Kind, Most Merciful."

#### Why Do Meccans Deny the Truth?

29. So 'continue to' remind 'all, O Prophet'. For you, by the grace of your Lord, are not a fortune-teller or a madman. 30. Or do they say, "He is' a poet, for whom we 'eagerly' await an ill-fate!"? 31. Say, "Keep waiting! I too am waiting with you." 32. Or do their 'intelligent' minds prompt them to this 'paradox'?<sup>1104</sup> Or are they 'just' a transgressing people? 33. Or do they say, "He made this 'Quran' up!"? In fact, they have no faith. 34. Let them then produce something like it, if what they say is true!<sup>1105</sup> 35. Or were they created by nothing, or are they 'their own' creators? 36. Or did they create the heavens and the earth? In fact, they have no firm belief 'in Allah'. 37. Or do they possess the treasures of your Lord, or are they in control 'of everything'? 38. Or do they have a stairway, by which they eavesdrop 'on the heavens'? Then let those who do so bring a compelling proof. 39. Or does He have daughters 'as you claim', while you 'prefer to' have sons?<sup>1106</sup> 40. Or are you 'O Prophet' asking them for a reward 'for the message' so that they are overburdened by debt?

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وَوَقْنَا عَذَابَ السَّمُورِ ۝ إِنَّا كُنَّا مِنْ قَبْلُ نَدْعُوهُ ۝  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْبَرُّ الرَّحِيمُ ۝ فَذَكِّرْ فَمَا أَنْتَ بِنِعْمَتِ  
رَبِّكَ بِكَاهِنٍ وَلَا مَجْنُونٍ ۝ أَمْ يَقُولُونَ شَاعِرٌ  
تَتَّبِعُ بِهِ رَيْبَ الْمُنُونِ ۝ قُلْ تَرَبَّصُوا فَإِنِّي  
مَعَكُمْ مِنَ الْمَتَرَبِّصِينَ ۝ أَمْ تَأْمُرُهُمْ أَحْلَاءُ مُهْمٍ  
بِهَذَا أَمْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ طَاعُونَ ۝ أَمْ يَقُولُونَ تَقَوَّلَهُ ۝  
بَلْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝ فَلْيَاثُوا بِحَدِيثِ مَثَلِهِ إِن كَانُوا  
صَادِقِينَ ۝ أَمْ خَلِقُوا مِنْ غَيْرِ شَيْءٍ أَمْ هُمُ الْخَالِقُونَ ۝  
أَمْ خَلَقُوا السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضَ ۝ بَلْ لَا يُوقِنُونَ ۝  
أَمْ عِنْدَهُمْ خَزَائِنُ رَبِّكَ أَمْ هُمُ الْمُصَيِّطُونَ ۝  
أَمْ لَهُمْ سُلَّمٌ يَسْتَمْعُونَ فِيهِ ۝ فَلْيَأْتِ مُسْتَمِعُهُمْ  
بِسُلْطَنِ مُبِينٍ ۝ أَمْ لَهُ الْبَنَاتُ وَلَكُمْ الْبَنُونَ ۝  
أَمْ تَسْأَلُهُمْ أَجْرًا فَهُمْ مِنْ مَغْرَمٍ مُثْقَلُونَ ۝ أَمْ

1104 The pagan leaders claimed to be Mecca's most intelligent minds. So this verse questions their intelligence, arguing that the Prophet (ﷺ) cannot be a madman and a poet at the same time.

1105 Arab pagans were challenged in the Quran to produce its equivalent (52:34), or ten sūrahs (11:13), or at least one sūrah (2:23), but the challenge has never been met.

1106 See footnote for 37:149.

عِنْدَهُمُ الْغَيْبُ فَهُمْ يَكْتُبُونَ<sup>(٢١)</sup> أَمْ يُرِيدُونَ  
 كَيْدًا<sup>(٢٢)</sup> فَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هُمُ الْمَكِيدُونَ<sup>(٢٣)</sup> أَمْ لَهُمْ  
 إِلَهٌ غَيْرُ اللَّهِ<sup>(٢٤)</sup> سُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ<sup>(٢٥)</sup> وَإِنْ  
 يَرَوْا كِسْفًا مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ سَاقِطًا يَقُولُوا سَحَابٌ  
 مَّرْكُومٌ<sup>(٢٦)</sup> فَذَرَهُمْ حَتَّىٰ يُلَاقُوا يَوْمَهُمُ الَّذِي فِيهِ  
 يُصْعَقُونَ<sup>(٢٧)</sup> يَوْمَ لَا يُغْنِي عَنْهُمْ كَيْدُهُمْ شَيْئًا  
 وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ<sup>(٢٨)</sup> وَإِنَّ لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا عَذَابًا  
 دُونَ ذَلِكَ وَلَٰكِن أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ<sup>(٢٩)</sup> وَأَصْبِرْ  
 لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ فَإِنَّكَ بِأَعْيُنِنَا وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ حِينَ  
 تَقُومُ<sup>(٣٠)</sup> وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَسَبِّحْهُ وَإِدْبَارَ النُّجُومِ<sup>(٣١)</sup>

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وَالنَّجْمِ إِذَا هَوَىٰ<sup>(١)</sup> مَا ضَلَّ صَاحِبُكُمْ وَمَا غَوَىٰ<sup>(٢)</sup>

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41. Or do they have access to 'the Record in' the unseen, so they copy it 'for all to see'? 42. Or do they intend to scheme 'against the Prophet'? Then it is the disbelievers who will fall victim to 'their' schemes. 43. Or do they have a god other than Allah? Glorified is Allah far above what they associate 'with Him'!

#### Reassuring the Prophet

44. If they were to see a 'deadly' piece of the sky fall down 'upon them', still they would say, "'This is just' a pile of clouds." 45. So leave them until they face their Day in which they will be struck dead— 46. the Day their scheming will be of no benefit to them whatsoever, nor will they be helped. 47. Also, the wrongdoers will certainly have another torment before that 'Day', but most of them do not know.<sup>1107</sup> 48. So be patient with your Lord's decree, for you are truly under Our 'watchful' Eyes. And glorify the praises of your Lord when you rise. 49. And glorify Him during part of the night and at the fading of the stars.



#### 53. The Stars (An-Najm)

In the Name of Allah—  
 the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### The Prophet's Encounter with Gabriel

1. By the stars when they fade away! 2. Your fellow man<sup>1108</sup> is neither misguided nor astray.

<sup>1107</sup> I.e., famine, droughts, or the defeat at the Battle of Badr (see 32:21). The Battle of Badr took place in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Prophet's mission. The previous passage poses fifteen questions to the Meccan pagans before warning them in this passage.

<sup>1108</sup> Muhammad (ﷺ).

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ۖ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ ۖ  
 عَلَيْهِ شَدِيدُ الْقُوَىٰ ۖ ذُو مِرَّةٍ فَاسْتَوَىٰ ۖ وَهُوَ  
 بِالْأُفُقِ الْأَعْلَىٰ ۖ ثُمَّ دَنَا فَتَدَلَّىٰ ۖ فَكَانَ قَابَ  
 قَوْسَيْنِ أَوْ أَدْنَىٰ ۖ فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ مَا أَوْحَىٰ ۖ مَا  
 كَذَبَ الْفُؤَادُ مَا رَأَىٰ ۖ أَفَتُمَرُونَهُ عَلَىٰ مَا يَرَىٰ ۖ  
 وَلَقَدْ رَآهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَىٰ ۖ عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ ۖ  
 عِنْدَهَا جَنَّةُ الْمَأْوَىٰ ۖ إِذْ يَخْشَى السِّدْرَةَ مَا يَخْشَىٰ ۖ  
 مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَىٰ ۖ لَقَدْ رَأَىٰ مِنْ آيَاتِ رَبِّهِ  
 الْكُبْرَىٰ ۖ أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ اللَّاتَ وَالْعُزَّىٰ ۖ وَمَنْوَةَ الثَّالِثَةَ  
 الْأُخْرَىٰ ۖ أَلَكُمُ الذَّكْرُ وَلَهُ الْأُنْثَىٰ ۖ تِلْكَ إِذَا قُسِمَتْ  
 ضِيزَىٰ ۖ إِنَّ هِيَ إِلَّا أَسْمَاءُ سَمِيَتْهُمَا أَنْتُمْ وَ  
 آبَاؤُكُمْ مَّا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ بِهَا مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ ۖ إِنْ يَتَّبِعُونَ  
 إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَمَا تَهْوَى الْأَنْفُسُ ۖ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ مِنْ

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3. Nor does he speak of his own whims. 4. It is only a revelation sent down 'to him'. 5. He has been taught by one 'angel' of mighty power<sup>1109</sup> 6. and great perfection, who once rose to 'his' true form<sup>1110</sup> 7. while on the highest point above the horizon, 8. then he approached 'the Prophet', coming so close 9. that he was only two arms-lengths away or even less.<sup>1111</sup> 10. Then Allah revealed to His servant what He revealed 'through Gabriel'. 11. The 'Prophet's' heart did not doubt what he saw. 12. How can you 'O pagans' then dispute with him regarding what he saw? 13. And he certainly saw that 'angel descend' a second time 14. at the Lote Tree of the most extreme limit 'in the seventh heaven'— 15. near which is the Garden of 'Eternal' Residence— 16. while the Lote Tree was overwhelmed with 'heavenly' splendours! 17. The 'Prophet's' sight never wandered, nor did it overreach. 18. He certainly saw some of his Lord's greatest signs.<sup>1112</sup>

#### Wake-up Call to Pagans

19. Now, have you considered 'the idols of *Lât* and *'Uzza*, 20. and the third one, *Manât*, as well? 21. Do you 'prefer to' have sons while 'you attribute' to Him daughters?<sup>1113</sup> 22. Then this is 'truly' a biased distribution!

23. These 'idols' are mere names that you and your forefathers have made up<sup>1114</sup>—a practice Allah has never authorized. They follow nothing but 'inherited' assumptions and whatever 'their' souls desire,

1109 The angel Gabriel.

1110 Gabriel used to come to the Prophet in a human form. But he appeared to him (ﷺ) twice in his angelic form: once at the beginning of the Prophet's mission (when the angel manifested himself, filling the horizon, the Prophet (ﷺ) lost his consciousness), and another time during the Prophet's Night Journey to the seventh heaven to receive the order to pray directly from Allah (see 17:1).

1111 lit., he was only two bow-draws away.

1112 The Prophet was taken to heaven to see some of Allah's magnificent signs. He only saw what he was told to see.

1113 See footnote for 52:39.

1114 Meaning, "You call them gods while in fact they are not gods."

رَبِّهِمُ الْهُدَى ۖ أَمْ لِلْإِنْسَانِ مَا تَمَنَّى ۚ فَلِلّٰهِ  
 الْآخِرَةُ وَالْأُولَىٰ ۚ وَكَمْ مِّن مَّلَكٍ فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ لَا  
 تُغْنِي شَفَاعَتُهُمْ شَيْئًا إِلَّا مِّنْ بَعْدِ أَنْ يَأْذَنَ اللّٰهُ  
 لِمَن يَشَآءُ وَيَرْضَىٰ ۚ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ  
 لَيَسْتَبُونَ إِلَٰهَآئِكُمْ تَسْمِيَةَ الْإِنثَىٰ ۚ وَمَا لَهُمْ بِهِ  
 مِّنْ عِلْمٍ ۖ إِن يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَإِنَّ الظَّنَّ لَا  
 يُغْنِي مِنَ الْحَقِّ شَيْئًا ۚ فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْ مَّن تَوَلَّى ۖ  
 عَنْ ذِكْرِنَا وَلَمْ يُرِدْ إِلَّا الْحَيٰوةَ الدُّنْيَا ۚ ذٰلِكَ  
 مَبْلَغُهُمْ مِّنَ الْعِلْمِ ۖ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَن ضَلَّ  
 عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَن اهْتَدَىٰ ۚ وَلِلّٰهِ مَا فِي  
 السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسَآءُوا  
 بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا بِالْحُسْنَىٰ ۚ الَّذِينَ  
 يَجْتَنِبُونَ كَبِيرَ الْإِثْمِ وَالْفَوَاحِشَ إِلَّا اللَّمَمَ ۗ

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although 'true' guidance has already come to them from their Lord. 24. Or should every person 'simply' have whatever 'intercessors' they desire?<sup>1115</sup> 25. In fact, to Allah 'alone' belongs this world and the next. 26. 'Imagine' how many 'noble' angels are in the heavens! 'Even' their intercession would be of no benefit whatsoever, until Allah gives permission to whoever He wills and 'only for the people He' approves.

#### Are Angels Allah's Daughters?

27. Indeed, those who do not believe in the Hereafter label angels as female, 28. although they have no knowledge 'in support' of this. They follow nothing but 'inherited' assumptions. And surely assumptions can in no way replace the truth. 29. So turn away 'O Prophet' from whoever has shunned Our Reminder,<sup>1116</sup> only seeking the 'fleeting' life of this world. 30. This is the extent of their knowledge. Surely your Lord knows best who has strayed from His Way and who is 'rightly' guided.

#### Allah Knows Who Is Righteous

31. To Allah 'alone' belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth so that He may reward the evildoers according to what they did, and reward the good-doers with

the finest reward<sup>1117</sup>— 32. those who avoid major sins and shameful deeds, despite 'stumbling on' minor sins.

1115 Arab pagans took these idols as intermediaries to intercede for them on the Day of Judgment (see 39:3)

1116 i.e., the Quran.

1117 i.e., Paradise.

Surely your Lord is infinite in forgiveness. He knew well what would become of you as He created you from the earth<sup>1118</sup> and while you were 'still' fetuses in the wombs of your mothers.<sup>1119</sup> So do not 'falsely' elevate yourselves. He knows best who is 'truly' righteous.

*The One Who Returned to Disbelief<sup>120</sup>*

33. Have you seen the one who turned away 'from Islam,' 34. and 'initially' paid a little 'for his salvation', and then stopped? 35. Does he have the knowledge of the unseen so that he sees 'the Hereafter'? 36. Or has he not been informed of what is in the Scripture of Moses, 37. and 'that of' Abraham, who 'perfectly' fulfilled 'his covenant'? 38. 'They state' that no soul burdened with sin will bear the burden of another, 39. and that each person will only have what they endeavoured towards, 40. and that 'the outcome of' their endeavours will be seen 'in their record', 41. then they will be fully rewarded, 42. and that to your Lord 'alone' is the ultimate return 'of all things'.

*It Is All in Allah's Hands*

43. Moreover, He is the One Who brings about joy and sadness.<sup>1121</sup>

44. And He is the One Who gives life and causes death. 45. And He

created the pairs—males and females— 46. from a sperm-drop when it is emitted. 47. And it is upon Him to bring about re-creation. 48. And He is the One Who enriches and impoverishes. 49. And He alone is the Lord of Sirius.<sup>1122</sup> 50. And He destroyed the first 'people of' 'Ād,

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ وَاسِعُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ ۖ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِكُمْ إِذْ أَنْشَأَكُمْ  
مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ وَإِذْ أَنْتُمْ أِحْتَةٌ فِي بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ ۚ  
فَلَا تَزْكُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ ۖ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنِ اتَّقَى ۖ أَفَرَأَيْتَ  
الَّذِي تَوَلَّى ۖ وَاعْطَى قَلِيلًا وَآكَدَى ۖ أَعِنْدَهُ  
عِلْمُ الْغَيْبِ فَهُوَ يَرَى ۖ أَمْ لَمْ يُنَبَّأْ بِمَا فِي صُحُفِ  
مُوسَى ۖ وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ الَّذِي وَفَّى ۖ أَلَا تَذَرُهُ وَانزَارَةً  
وَوَزَرَ أُخْرَى ۖ وَأَنْ لَّيْسَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا مَا سَعَى ۖ وَأَنْ  
سَعْيُهُ سَوْفَ يُرَى ۖ ثُمَّ يُجْزَاهُ الْجَزَاءُ الْأَوَّلَى ۖ  
وَأَنْ إِلَى رَبِّكَ الْمُنْتَهَى ۖ وَأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَضْحَكَ وَأَبْكَى ۖ  
وَأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَمَاتَ وَأَحْيَا ۖ وَأَنَّهُ خَلَقَ الزَّوْجَيْنِ  
الدَّكْرَ وَالْأُنثَى ۖ مِنْ نُّطْفَةٍ إِذَا تُمْنَى ۖ وَأَنْ عَلَيْهِ  
النَّشْأَةُ الْآخِرَى ۖ وَأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَغْنَى وَأَقْنَى ۖ وَأَنَّهُ  
هُوَ رَبُّ الشُّعْرَى ۖ وَأَنَّهُ أَهْلَكَ عَادًا الْأُولَى ۖ

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1118 i.e., your father, Adam.

1119 See footnote for 31:34.

1120 This passage refers to Al-Walid ibn Al-Mughîrah who initially accepted Islam, and then a man persuaded him to leave Islam, promising to be punished in his place in the Hereafter for a small fee in this world. Initially, Al-Walid paid him some of the amount they had agreed upon then refused to pay the rest.

1121 lit., laughter and weeping.

1122 A star worshipped by some ancient pagans.

وَشَمُودًا فَمَا أَبْقَى ٥١ وَقَوْمَ نُوحٍ مِّن قَبْلُ إِنَّهُمْ

كَانُوا هُمْ أَظْلَمَ وَأَطْغَى ٥٢ وَالْمُوتِفِكَ أَهْوَى ٥٣

فَغَشَّهَا مَا غَشَّى ٥٤ فَبَايَ إِلَٰهَ رَبِّكَ تَمَارَى ٥٥

هَذَا نَذِيرٌ مِّنَ النَّذْرِ الْأُولَى ٥٦ أَرَفَتِ الْإِزْفَةَ ٥٧

لَيْسَ لَهَا مَن دُونِ اللَّهِ كَاشِفَةٌ ٥٨ أَفَبِنَ هَذَا

الْحَدِيثِ تَعَجُّبُونَ ٥٩ وَتَضْمِكُونَ وَلَا تَبْكُونَ ٦٠

وَأَنْتُمْ سَمِدُونَ ٦١ فَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ وَاعْبُدُوا ٦٢

﴿إِنَّا هَا ٥٥﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْقَمَرِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ٢٤﴾ ﴿رُوعَانِهَا ٣﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ١

إِقْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ ۖ وَانْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ ۚ وَإِن يَرَوْا آيَةً

يُعْرِضُوا وَيَقُولُوا سِحْرٌ مُّسْتَمَرٌّ ٢ وَكَذَّبُوا وَاتَّبَعُوا

أَهْوَاءَهُمْ ۖ وَكُلٌّ أُمْرٍ مُّسْتَقَرٌّ ٣ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ مِّنَ

الْأَنْبَاءِ مَا فِيهِ مُزْدَجَرٌ ٤ حَكِيمَةٌ بَالِغَةٌ ۖ فَمَا

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51. and 'then' Thamūd,<sup>1123</sup> sparing no one. 52. And before 'that He destroyed' the people of Noah, who were truly far worse in wrongdoing and transgression. 53. And 'it was' He 'Who' turned the cities 'of Sodom and Gomorrah' upside down. 54. How overwhelming was what covered 'them'!<sup>1124</sup> 55. Now, which of your Lord's favours will you dispute?

#### Warning to Arab Pagans

56. This 'Prophet' is a warner like earlier ones. 57. The approaching 'Hour' has drawn near. 58. None but Allah can disclose it. 59. Do you find this revelation astonishing, 60. laughing 'at it' and not weeping 'in awe', 61. while persisting in heedlessness? 62. Instead, prostrate to Allah and worship 'Him alone'!



#### 54. The Moon (Al-Qamar)

In the Name of Allah—

the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Warning to Meccan Deniers

1. The Hour has drawn near and the moon was split 'in two'.<sup>1125</sup> 2. Yet, whenever they see a sign, they turn away,<sup>1126</sup> saying, "Same old magic!" 3. They rejected 'the truth' and followed their own desires—and every matter will be settled— 4. even though the stories 'of destroyed nations'

'that have already come to them are a sufficient deterrent. 5. 'This Quran is' profound 'in' wisdom,

1123 Also known as the second 'Ad.

1124 The stones of baked clay that were rained upon them (see 11:82-83).

1125 The Meccan pagans challenged the Prophet (ﷺ) to have the moon split in two if he wanted them to believe in him. The moon was split, and then re-joined, as reported by several eyewitnesses, but still the pagans refused to believe, calling this miracle "sheer magic."

1126 A miracle (usually referred to as a 'sign' in the Quran) can be defined as an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs. Every prophet was given miracles to prove he was commissioned by Allah. Moses (ﷺ) was given the miracle of the staff and many others. Jesus (ﷺ) gave life to the dead and healed the blind and the leper. And Muhammad (ﷺ) received the Quran, a literary miracle, to challenge the masters of Arabic eloquence. The Prophet (ﷺ) performed some other miracles such as splitting the moon, multiplying food and water, and healing some of his companions.

but warnings are of no benefit 'to them'. 6. So turn away from them 'O Prophet'. 'And wait for' the Day 'when' the caller<sup>1127</sup> will summon 'them' for something horrifying.<sup>1128</sup> 7. With eyes downcast, they will come forth from the graves as if they were swarming locusts, 8. rushing towards the caller. The disbelievers will cry, "This is a difficult Day!"

#### The People of Noah

9. Before them, the people of Noah denied 'the truth' and rejected Our servant, calling 'him' insane. And he was intimidated. 10. So he cried out to his Lord, "I am helpless, so help 'me'!" 11. So We opened the gates of the sky with pouring rain, 12. and caused the earth to burst with springs, so the waters met for a fate already set. 13. We carried him on that 'Ark made' of planks and nails, 14. sailing under Our 'watchful' Eyes--a 'fair' punishment on behalf of the one 'they' denied. 15. We certainly left this<sup>1129</sup> as a sign. So is there anyone who will be mindful? 16. Then how 'dreadful' were My punishment and warnings! 17. And We have certainly made the Quran easy to remember. So is there anyone who will be mindful?

#### The People of Hūd

18. 'Ād 'also' rejected 'the truth'. Then how 'dreadful' were My punishment and warnings! 19. Indeed,

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تُغْنِي النُّذُرُ ٥ فَتَوَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَيُّومٌ يَدْعُ الدَّاعِ إِلَى  
شَيْءٍ نُّكْرٍ ٦ خُشْعًا أَبْصَارُهُمْ يَخْرُجُونَ مِنْ  
الْأَجْدَاثِ كَأَنَّهُمْ جَرَادٌ مُنْتَشِرٌ ٧ مَهْطِعِينَ إِلَى  
الدَّاعِ ٨ يَقُولُ الْكَافِرُونَ هَذَا يَوْمٌ عَسِرٌ ٩ كَذَّبَتْ  
قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ فَكَذَّبُوا عَبْدَنَا وَقَالُوا مَجْنُونٌ  
وَازْدَجَرُوا ١٠ فَدَعَا رَبَّهُ أَنِّي مَغْلُوبٌ فَأَنْتَصِرْ ١١  
فَفَتَحْنَا أَبْوَابَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَاءٍ مُنْهَمِرٍ ١٢ وَفَجَرْنَا  
الْأَرْضَ عُيُونًا فَالْتَقَى الْمَاءُ عَلَى أَمْرٍ قَدْ قُدِرَ ١٣  
وَحَمَلْنَاهُ عَلَى ذَاتِ أَلْوَاحٍ وَدُسُرٍ ١٤ تَجْرِى بِأَعْيُنِنَا  
جَزَاءً لِّمَن كَانَ كُفِرَ ١٥ وَلَقَدْ تَرَكْنَاهَا آيَةً فَهَلْ  
مِنْ مُدْكِرٍ ١٦ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ عَذَابِي وَنُذْرِي ١٧ وَلَقَدْ  
يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدْكِرٍ ١٨ كَذَّبَتْ  
عَادُ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ عَذَابِي وَنُذْرِي ١٩ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ

رَيْحًا

مَنْزِلًا

1127 Angel Isrāfī will blow the Trumpet, causing all to be raised from the dead for judgment.

1128 i.e., the Judgment.

1129 The Flood or the Ark.



رَيْجًا صَرَصَرًا فِي يَوْمٍ نَحْسٍ مُسْتَمِرٍّ ۖ تَنْزِعُ  
 النَّاسَ لَا كَانَتْهُمْ أَعْجَازُ نَخْلٍ مَنَقَعٍ ۖ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ  
 عَذَابِي وَنُذُرِي ۚ وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ  
 مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ ۚ كَذَّبَتْ ثَمُودُ بِالنُّذُرِ ۚ فَقَالُوا أَبَشْرًا  
 مِمَّنَّا وَاحِدًا نَتَّبِعُهُ ۚ إِنَّا إِذَا لَفِئَ صُلْبٍ ۖ وَ سَعِيرٍ ۚ  
 ءَالَقَى الذِّكْرَ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ بَيْنِنَا بَلْ هُوَ كَذَّابٌ أَشِرٌّ ۚ  
 سَيَعْلَمُونَ عَذَابَ مَنْ الْكُذَّابُ الْآشِرُّ ۚ إِنَّا مُرْسِلُوا  
 النَّاقَةَ فِتْنَةً لَهُمْ فَارْتَبِعْهُمْ وَاصْطَبِرْ ۚ وَنَبَّيْنَاهُمْ  
 أَنَّ الْمَاءَ قِسْمَةٌ بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ كُلُّ شَرْبٍ مَحْتَضَرٌّ ۚ فَنَادَوْا  
 صَاحِبَهُمْ فَتَعَاطَى فَعَقَرَ ۚ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ عَذَابِي وَ  
 نُذُرِي ۚ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ صَيْحَةً وَاحِدَةً فَكَانُوا  
 كَهَشِيمِ الْمُحْتَظِرِ ۚ وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ  
 فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ ۚ كَذَّبَتْ قَوْمُ لُوطٍ بِالنُّذُرِ ۚ

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We sent against them a furious wind,<sup>1130</sup> on a day of unrelenting misery, 20. that snatched people up, leaving them like trunks of uprooted palm trees. 21. Then how 'dreadful' were My punishment and warnings! 22. And We have certainly made the Quran easy to remember. So is there anyone who will be mindful?

### The People of Ṣâliḥ

23. Thamûd rejected the warnings 'as well', 24. arguing, "How can we follow one 'average' human being from among us? We would then truly be misguided and insane. 25. Has the revelation been sent down 'only' to him out of 'all of' us? In fact, he is a boastful liar." 26. 'It was revealed to Ṣâliḥ,' "They will soon know who the boastful liar is. 27. We are sending the she-camel as a test for them. So watch them 'closely', and have patience. 28. And tell them that the 'drinking' water must be divided between them 'and her', each taking a turn to drink 'every other day'. 29. But they roused a companion of theirs, so he dared to kill 'her'. 30. Then how 'dreadful' were My punishment and warnings! 31. Indeed, We sent against them 'only' one 'mighty' blast, leaving them like the twigs of fence-builders. 32. And We have certainly made the Quran easy to remember. So is there anyone who will be mindful?

### The People of Lot

33. The people of Lot 'also' rejected the warnings. 34. We unleashed upon them a storm of stones. As for 'the believers of' Lot's family, We delivered them before dawn 35. as a blessing from Us. This is how We reward whoever gives thanks. 36. He had already warned them of Our 'crushing' blow but they disputed the warnings. 37. And they even demanded his angel-guests from him,<sup>1131</sup> so We blinded their eyes. 'And they were told,' "Taste then My punishment and warnings!" 38. And indeed, by the early morning they were overwhelmed by an unrelenting torment. 39. 'Again they were told,' "Taste now My punishment and warnings!" 40. And We have certainly made the Quran easy to remember. So is there anyone who will be mindful?

### The People of Pharaoh

41. And indeed, the warnings 'also' came to the people of Pharaoh. 42. 'But' they rejected all of Our signs, so We seized them with the 'crushing' grip of the Almighty, Most Powerful.

### Warning to Pagan Deniers

43. Now, are you 'Meccan' disbelievers superior to those 'destroyed peoples'? Or have you 'been granted' immunity 'from punishment' in divine Books? 44. Or do they say, "We are all 'a' united 'front', bound to prevail."? 45. 'Soon' their united front will be defeated and 'forced to' flee.<sup>1132</sup> 46. Better yet, the Hour is their appointed time—and the Hour will be most catastrophic and most bitter. 47. Indeed, the wicked are 'entrenched' in misguidance, and 'are bound for' blazes.

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ حَاصِبًا إِلَّا آلَ لُوطٍ نَّجَّيْنَاهُمْ  
بِسَحَرٍ ۖ تَعْبَةً مِّنْ عِنْدِنَا ۖ كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي مَنْ  
شَكَرَ ۖ وَلَقَدْ أَنْذَرَهُمْ بَطْشَتَنَا فَتَمَارَوْا بِالنُّذُرِ ۖ  
وَلَقَدْ رَاودُوهُ عَنْ ضَيْفِهِ فَطَمَسْنَا أَعْيُنَهُمْ فَذُوقُوا  
عَذَابِي وَنُذِرِ ۖ وَلَقَدْ صَبَّحَهُم بُكْرَةً عَذَابٌ  
مُّسْتَقَرٌّ ۖ فَذُوقُوا عَذَابِي وَنُذِرِ ۖ وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا  
الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُّدَكِّرٍ ۖ وَلَقَدْ  
جَاءَ آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ النُّذُرُ ۖ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا كُلِّهَا  
فَآخَذْنَاهُمْ أَخْذَ عَزِيزٍ مُّقْتَدِرٍ ۖ أَكْفَارُكُمْ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ  
أُولَئِكَ أَمْ لَكُمْ بَرَاءَةٌ فِي الزُّبُرِ ۖ أَمْ يَقُولُونَ نَحْنُ  
جَمِيعٌ مُّنتَصِرُونَ ۖ سَيُهْزَمُ الْجَمْعُ وَيُوَلُّونَ الدُّبُرَ ۖ  
بَلِ السَّاعَةُ مَوْعِدُهُمْ وَالسَّاعَةُ أَدْهَى وَأَمَرُّ ۖ  
إِنَّ الْمُجْرِمِينَ فِي ضَلَالٍ وَسُعُرٍ ۖ يَوْمَ يُسْحَبُونَ

فِي النَّارِ

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1131 Who came in the form of handsome men.

1132 This was later fulfilled in the Battle of Badr.

فِي النَّارِ عَلَى وُجُوهِهِمْ ٥٠ ذُوقُوا مَسَّ سَقَرَ ٥١ إِنَّا  
 كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقْنَاهُ بِقَدَرٍ ٥٢ وَمَا أَمْرُنَا إِلَّا وَاحِدَةٌ  
 كَلَمْحٍ بِالْبَصَرِ ٥٣ وَلَقَدْ أَهْلَكْنَا أَشْيَاعَكُمْ فَهَلْ  
 مِنْ مَّذْكِرٍ ٥٤ وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ فَعَلُوهُ فِي الزُّبُرِ ٥٥ وَكُلُّ  
 صَغِيرٍ وَكَبِيرٍ مُسْتَطَرٌّ ٥٦ إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَ  
 نَهَرٍ ٥٧ فِي مَقْعَدِ صَدُوقٍ عِنْدَ مَلِكٍ مُّقْتَدِرٍ ٥٨

48. On the Day they will be dragged into the Fire on their faces, "they will be told," "Taste the touch of Hell!"<sup>1133</sup>  
 49. Indeed, We have created everything, perfectly preordained. 50. Our command<sup>1134</sup> is but a single word,<sup>1135</sup> done in the blink of an eye. 51. We have already destroyed the likes of you. So will any "of you" be mindful? 52. Everything they have done is "listed" in "their" records. 53. Every matter, small and large, is written "precisely".

#### Reward of the Righteous

54. Indeed, the righteous will be amid Gardens and rivers,<sup>1136</sup> 55. at the Seat of Honour in the presence of the Most Powerful Sovereign.



#### 55. The Most Compassionate (Ar-Rahmān)

In the Name of Allah—  
 the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Allah's Favours: 1) Speech

1. The Most Compassionate 2. taught the Quran, 3. created humanity, 4. "and" taught them speech.

#### Favour 2) The Universe

5. The sun and the moon "travel" with precision. 6. The stars and the trees bow down "in submission".<sup>1137</sup> 7. As for the sky, He raised it "high", and set the balance "of justice" 8. so that you do not

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ١  
 (٥٥) سُورَةُ الرَّحْمَنِ الْمَدِينَةُ (٩٤) (٥٦) رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٣

الرَّحْمَنُ ١ عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ ٢ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ ٣ عَلَيْهِ  
 الْبَيَانُ ٤ الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ بِحُسْبَانٍ ٥ وَالتَّجْمُ وَ  
 الشَّجَرُ يَسْجُدَانِ ٦ وَالسَّمَاءَ رَفَعَهَا وَوَضَعَ الْمِيزَانَ ٧  
 أَلَّا تَطْغَوْا فِي الْمِيزَانِ ٨ وَأَقِيمُوا الْوَزْنَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا  
 تُخْسِرُوا الْمِيزَانَ ٩ وَالْأَرْضَ وَضَعَهَا لِلْأَنَامِ ١٠

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defraud the scales. 9. Weigh with justice, and do not give short measure.

#### Favour 3) Provisions

10. He laid out the earth for all beings.

1133 Saqar is one of the names of Hell.

1134 To bring anything into being.

1135 "Be!" And it is!

1136 Rivers of water, milk, honey, and wine. See 47:15.

1137 lit., orotate.

11. In it are fruit, palm trees with date stalks, 12. and grain with husks, and aromatic plants. 13. Then which of your Lord's favours will you 'humans and jinn' both deny?<sup>1138</sup>

#### Favour 4) Humans and Jinn

14. He created humankind from 'sounding' clay like pottery, 15. and created jinn from a 'smokeless' flame of fire. 16. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny?

#### Favour 5) Natural Marvels

17. 'He is' Lord of the two easts and the two wests.<sup>1139</sup> 18. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 19. He merges the two bodies of 'fresh and salt' water, 20. yet between them is a barrier they never cross.<sup>1140</sup> 21. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 22. Out of both 'waters' come forth pearls and coral. 23. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 24. To Him belong the ships with raised sails, sailing through the seas like mountains. 25. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny?

#### Only Allah Is Eternal

26. Every being on earth is bound to perish. 27. Only your Lord Himself,<sup>1141</sup> full of Majesty and Honour, will remain 'forever'.<sup>1142</sup> 28. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny?

٢٤ قَالَ فَمَا خَطْبُكُمْ؟ ٢٥ الرَّحْمٰنُ ٥٥

فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ وَالنَّخْلُ ذَاتُ الْأَكْمَامِ ۝ وَالْحَبُّ ذُو الْعَصْفِ وَالرَّيْحَانُ ۝ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ۝ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ صَلْصَالٍ كَالْفَخَّارِ ۝ وَخَلَقَ الْجَانَّ مِنْ مَّارِجٍ مِّن نَّارٍ ۝ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ۝ رَبُّ الْمَشْرِقَيْنِ وَرَبُّ الْمَغْرِبَيْنِ ۝ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ۝ مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ يَلْتَقِيَانِ ۝ بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخٌ لَّا يَبْغِيَانِ ۝ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ۝ يَخْرُجُ مِنْهُمَا الطُّوْلُ وَالْمَرْجَانُ ۝ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ۝ وَلَهُ الْجَوَارِ الْمُنشَآتُ فِي الْبَحْرِ كَالْأَعْلَامِ ۝ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ۝ كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ ۝ وَيَبْقَىٰ وَجْهُ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ ۝ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ۝ يَسْأَلُهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۝

مَنْزِلٌ ۝ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ

#### All Stand In Need of Allah

29. All those in the heavens and the earth are dependent on Him.

1138 This question is repeated thirty-one times in this sūrah: eight times after reminders of Allah's favours, seven times in the passage talking about the punishment of the deniers of judgment (which is the number of the gates of Hell), and eight times in each of the two following passages talking about Paradise, which has eight gates.

1139 The two points of sunrise and sunset in the summer and the winter.

1140 See footnote for 25:53.

1141 lit., your Lord's Face.

1142 Death is listed as one of Allah's favours since it puts an end to tyrants, ends the suffering of the oppressed, makes all people equal, ushers in judgment and the enforcement of justice, and leads the believers to eternal joy and peace in Paradise.

كُلَّ يَوْمٍ هُوَ فِي شَأْنٍ ۖ فَيَايَ الْآءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾  
 سَنَفْرُغُ لَكُمْ أَيُّهَ الثَّقَلَيْنِ ۚ فَيَايَ الْآءِ رَبِّكُمَا  
 تُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣١﴾ يَعْشَرَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنسِ إِنِ اسْتَطَعْتُمْ  
 أَنْ تَنْفُذُوا مِنْ أَقْطَارِ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
 فَإِنْفُذُوا ۚ لَا تَنْفُذُونَ إِلَّا بِسُلْطَنِ ۖ فَيَايَ الْآءِ  
 رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾ يُرْسَلُ عَلَيْكُمَا شَوَاظُ مِّنْ  
 نَّارٍ هَوَّاسٌ فَلَا تَنْتَصِرِينَ ۖ فَيَايَ الْآءِ رَبِّكُمَا  
 تُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾ فَإِذَا انشَقَّتِ السَّمَاءُ فَكَانَتْ وَرْدَةً  
 كَالِدِّهَانِ ۖ فَيَايَ الْآءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾ فَيَوْمَئِذٍ  
 لَا يُسْأَلُ عَنْ ذَنْبِهِ إِنْسٌ وَلَا جَانٌ ۖ فَيَايَ الْآءِ  
 رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ يَعْرِفُ الْجَرْمُونَ بِسْمِهِمْ  
 فَيُؤْخَذُ بِالنَّوَاصِي وَالْأَقْدَامِ ۖ فَيَايَ الْآءِ  
 رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ هَذِهِ جَهَنَّمُ الَّتِي يُكَذِّبُ بِهَا

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Day in and day out He has something to bring about.<sup>1143</sup> 30. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny?

*Punishment of the People of the Left<sup>1144</sup>*

31. We will soon attend to you 'for judgment', O two multitudes 'of jinn and humans'! 32. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 33. O assembly of jinn and humans! If you can penetrate beyond the realms of the heavens and the earth, then do so. 'But' you cannot do that without 'Our' authority. 34. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 35. Flames of fire and 'molten' copper will be sent against you, and you will not be able to defend one another. 36. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 37. 'How horrible will it be' when the heavens will split apart, becoming rose-red like 'burnt' oil! 38. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 39. On that Day there will be no need for any human or jinn to be asked about their sins.<sup>1145</sup> 40. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 41. The wicked will be recognized by their appearance, then will be seized by 'their' forelocks and feet. 42. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 43. 'They will be told,' 'This is the

1143 Giving life and causing death, making some rich and others poor, elevating some and debasing others, etc.

1144 According to the next three passages (as well as the next sūrah), people will be divided into three groups on Judgment Day; the foremost, the righteous who are always ahead of others in faith and goodness; the people of the right, the average believers who will receive their records of deeds with their right hands; and the people of the left, the disbelievers who will receive their records with their left hands.

1145 Since their sins are already known to Allah and written in perfect records, they will only be interrogated as a form of punishment.

Hell which the wicked denied.”  
44. They will alternate between its flames and sealding water. 45. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny?<sup>1148</sup>

#### Reward of the Foremost Believers

46. And whoever is in awe of standing before their Lord will have two Gardens. 47. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 48. 'Both will be' with lush branches. 49. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 50. In each 'Garden' will be two flowing springs. 51. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 52. In each will be two types of every fruit. 53. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 54. Those 'believers' will recline on furnishings lined with rich brocade. And the fruit of both Gardens will hang within reach. 55. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 56. In both 'Gardens' will be maidens of modest gaze, who no human or jinn has ever touched before. 57. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 58. Those 'maidens' will be 'as elegant' as rubies and coral. 59. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 60. Is there any reward for goodness except goodness? 61. Then

الرَّحْمَنُ ٥٥  
وَقُلْ لِّزَيْنِ

الْمُجْرِمُونَ ٥٦ يَطُوفُونَ بَيْنَهَا وَبَيْنَ حَيْثُمْ إِنْ ٥٧  
فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ٥٨ وَلِمَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ  
رَبِّهِ جَنَّتَيْنِ ٥٩ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ٦٠  
ذَوَاتَا أَفْنَانٍ ٦١ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ٦٢  
فِيهِمَا عَيْنُتَيْنِ تَجْرِيَانِ ٦٣ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا  
تُكَذِّبِينَ ٦٤ فِيهِمَا مِنْ كُلِّ فَاكِهَةٍ زَوْجَانِ ٦٥  
فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ٦٦ مُتَّكِئِينَ عَلَى فُرُشٍ  
بَطَائِنُهَا مِنْ إِسْتَبْرَقٍ ٦٧ وَجَنَّتَيْنِ دَانٍ ٦٨  
فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ٦٩ فِيهِنَّ قَصِيرَاتُ  
الْظَّرْفِ لَمْ يَطْمِثْهُنَّ إِنْسٌ قَبْلَهُمْ وَلَا جَانٌّ ٧٠  
فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ٧١ كَأَنَّهُنَّ الْيَاقُوتُ  
وَالْمَرْجَانُ ٧٢ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبِينَ ٧٣  
هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ ٧٤ فَبِأَيِّ  
آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا ٧٥

مَنْزِلٌ

1146 Warning of the punishment in Hell is listed as a favour just like the promise of the reward in Paradise. Think of this as a road sign: the latter is like a sign about food, gas, etc., and the former is like a cautionary sign about an accident ahead or something hazardous. Both signs benefit people.

which of your Lord's favours will you both deny?

*Reward of the People of the Right*

62. And below these two 'Gardens' will be two others. 63. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 64. Both will be dark green. 65. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 66. In each will be two gushing springs. 67. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 68. In both will be fruit, palm trees, and pomegranates. 69. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 70. In all Gardens will be noble, pleasant mates. 71. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 72. "They will be" maidens with gorgeous eyes, reserved in pavilions. 73. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 74. No human or jinn has ever touched these 'maidens' before.<sup>1147</sup> 75. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 76. All 'believers' will be reclining on green cushions and splendid carpets. 77. Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny? 78. Blessed is the Name of your Lord, full of Majesty and Honour.



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الْآءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَنِ ﴿٦٢﴾ وَمِنْ دُونِهِمَا  
جَنَّتَيْنِ ﴿٦٣﴾ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَنِ ﴿٦٤﴾  
مُدَّهَامَتَيْنِ ﴿٦٥﴾ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَنِ ﴿٦٦﴾  
فِيهِمَا عَيْنُتَيْنِ نَضَّاحَتَيْنِ ﴿٦٧﴾ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا  
تُكَذِّبَنِ ﴿٦٨﴾ فِيهِمَا فَاكِهَةٌ وَنَخْلٌ وَرُمَانٌ ﴿٦٩﴾  
فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَنِ ﴿٧٠﴾ فِيهِنَّ خَيْرَاتٌ  
حَسَنَاتٌ ﴿٧١﴾ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَنِ ﴿٧٢﴾ حُورٌ  
مَّقْصُورَاتٌ فِي الْغِيَامِ ﴿٧٣﴾ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا  
تُكَذِّبَنِ ﴿٧٤﴾ لَمْ يَطْمِثْهُنَّ إِنْسٌ قَبْلَهُمْ وَلَا جَانٌ ﴿٧٥﴾  
فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَنِ ﴿٧٦﴾ مُتَّكِئِينَ عَلَى  
رَفْرَفٍ خُضِرٍ وَوَعْبَقَرٍ حَسَنِينَ ﴿٧٧﴾ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ  
رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَنِ ﴿٧٨﴾ تَبَارَكَ اسْمُ رَبِّكَ  
ذِي الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ ﴿٧٩﴾

56. *The Inevitable Event* (Al-Wâqî'ah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*The Three Groups on Judgment Day*<sup>1148</sup>

1. When the Inevitable Event takes place, 2. then no one can deny it has come. 3. It will debase 'some' and elevate 'others'.<sup>1149</sup> 4. When the earth will be violently shaken, 5. and the mountains will be crushed to pieces, 6. becoming scattered 'particles of' dust, 7. you will 'all' be 'divided into' three groups: 8. the people of the right, how 'blessed' will they be; 9. the people of the left, how 'miserable' will they be; 10. and the foremost 'in faith' will be the foremost 'in Paradise'.

1) *The Foremost*

11. They are the ones nearest 'to Allah', 12. in the Gardens of Bliss. 13. 'They will be' a multitude from earlier generations 14. and a few from later generations. 15. 'All will be' on jewelled thrones, 16. reclining face to face. 17. They will be waited on by eternal youths 18. with cups, pitchers, and a drink 'of pure wine' from a flowing stream, 19. that

وَقَفَّيْ لَا يَخِفُّ

عَنْهَا وَلَا

مَنْزِلٌ

<sup>1148</sup> See footnote for verses 31-45 in the previous sûrah.

<sup>1149</sup> Unlike this world of sheer injustice, the Hereafter will put everyone in their right place. The righteous will be elevated in Paradise, while the wicked will be humiliated in Hell.



will cause them neither headache nor intoxication. 20. 'They will also be served' any fruit they choose 21. and meat from any bird they desire. 22. And 'they will have' maidens with gorgeous eyes, 23. like pristine pearls, 24. 'all' as a reward for what they used to do. 25. There they will never hear any idle or sinful talk— 26. only good and virtuous speech.<sup>1150</sup>

### 2) People of the Right

27. And the people of the right—how 'blessed' will they be! 28. 'They will be' amid thornless lote trees, 29. clusters of bananas, 30. extended shade, 31. flowing water, 32. abundant fruit— 33. never out of season nor forbidden— 34. and elevated furnishings. 35. Indeed, We will have perfectly created their mates, 36. making them virgins, 37. loving and of equal age, 38. for the people of the right, 39. 'who will be' a multitude from earlier generations 40. and a multitude from later generations.

### 3) People of the Left

41. And the people of the left—how 'miserable' will they be! 42. 'They will be' in scorching heat and boiling water, 43. in the shade of black

عَنْهَا وَلَا يُنْزَفُونَ ٢٠ وَفَاكِهَةٍ مِّمَّا يَتَخَيَّرُونَ ٢١

وَلَحْمِ طَيْرٍ مِّمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ ٢٢ وَحُورٍ عَيْنٌ ٢٣

كَامُثَالِ اللُّؤْلُؤِ الْمَكْنُونِ ٢٤ جَزَاءً لِّمَا كَانُوا

يَعْمَلُونَ ٢٥ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ فِيهَا لَغْوًا وَلَا تَأْتِيهِمْ ٢٦

إِلَّا قِيلًا سَلَامًا سَلَامًا ٢٧ وَأَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ ٢٨

أَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ ٢٩ فِي سِدْرٍ مَّخْضُودٍ ٣٠ وَطَلْحٍ

مَّنْضُودٍ ٣١ وَمِدَادٍ ٣٢ وَمَاءٍ مَّسْكُوبٍ ٣٣

وَفَاكِهَةٍ كَثِيرَةٍ ٣٤ لَا مَقْطُوعَةٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعَةٍ ٣٥

وَفُرُشٍ مَّرْفُوعَةٍ ٣٦ إِنَّا أَنشَأْنَهُنَّ إِنِشَاءً ٣٧

فَجَعَلْنَهُنَّ أَبْكَارًا ٣٨ عُرُبًا أَتْرَابًا ٣٩ لِأَصْحَابِ

الْيَمِينِ ٤٠ ثَلَاثَةٌ ٤١ مِّنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ ٤٢ وَثَلَاثَةٌ ٤٣ مِّنَ

الْآخِرِينَ ٤٤ وَأَصْحَابُ الشِّمَالِ ٤٥ مَا أَصْحَابُ

الشِّمَالِ ٤٦ فِي سَمُومٍ وَحَمِيمٍ ٤٧ وَظِلٍّ مِّنَ

smoke, 44. neither cool nor refreshing. 45. Indeed, before this 'torment' they were spoiled by luxury, 46. and persisted in the worst of sin.<sup>1151</sup> 47. They used to ask 'mockingly', "When we are dead and reduced to dust and bones, will we really be resurrected? 48. And our forefathers as well?" 49. Say, "O Prophet," "Most certainly, earlier and later generations 50. will surely be gathered 'together' for the appointed Day. 51. Then you, O misguided deniers, 52. will certainly eat from 'the fruit of' the trees of *Zaqqûm*,<sup>1152</sup> 53. filling up 'your' bellies with it. 54. Then on top of that you will drink boiling water— 55. and you will drink 'it' like thirsty camels do." 56. This will be their accommodation on the Day of Judgment.

#### Allah's Power: 1) Creating Humans

57. It is We Who created you. Will you not then believe 'in resurrection'? 58. Have you considered what you ejaculate? 59. Is it you who create 'a child out of' it, or is it We Who do so? 60. We have ordained death

يَحْمُومٍ ۖ لَا بَارِدٍ وَلَا كَرِيمٍ ۚ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا  
قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ مُتْرَفِينَ ۚ وَكَانُوا يُصِرُّونَ  
عَلَى الْحِذْثِ الْعَظِيمِ ۚ وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ ۚ أَيُّذَا  
مُتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا وَءِظْمًا ءَرَانَا لَمَبْعُوثُونَ ۚ  
أَوِ ابْأُتْنَا الْأَوَّلُونَ ۚ قُلْ إِنَّ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَ  
الْآخِرِينَ لَمَجْمُوعُونَ ۚ إِلَىٰ مِيقَاتِ يَوْمٍ  
مَّعْلُومٍ ۚ ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ أَيْهَا الضَّالُّونَ الْمُكَذِّبُونَ ۚ  
لَأَكَلُونَ مِنْ شَجَرٍ مِّنْ زَقُّومٍ ۚ فَمَالِئُونَ  
مِنْهَا الْبُطُونَ ۚ فَشَرِبُونَ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ  
الْحَمِيمِ ۚ فَشَرِبُونَ شُرْبَ الْهَيْمِ ۚ هَذَا  
نُزِّلُهُمْ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ ۚ نَحْنُ خَلَقْنَكُمْ فَلَوْلَا  
تُصَدِّقُونَ ۚ أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تُمْنُونَ ۚ ءَأَنْتُمْ  
تَخْلُقُونَهُ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْخَالِقُونَ ۚ نَحْنُ قَادِرُونَ

بَيْنَكُمْ

مَنْزِلٌ

1151 i.e., associating others with Allah in worship and denying the resurrection and judgment.

1152 See footnote for 44:43.

↑ for 'all of' you, and We cannot be prevented 61. from transforming and recreating you in forms unknown to you. 62. You already know how you were first created. Will you not then be mindful?

### 2) Causing Plants to Grow

63. Have you considered what you sow? 64. Is it you who cause it to grow, or is it We Who do so? 65. If We willed, We could simply reduce this 'harvest' to chaff, leaving you to lament, 66. "We have truly suffered a 'great' loss. 67. In fact, we have been deprived 'of our livelihood'."

### 3) Bringing Rain down

68. Have you considered the water you drink? 69. Is it you who bring it down from the clouds, or is it We Who do so? 70. If We willed, We could make it salty. Will you not then give thanks?

### 4) Producing Fire from Trees

71. Have you considered the fire you kindle?<sup>1153</sup> 72. Is it you who produce its trees, or is it We Who do so? 73. We have made it 'as' a reminder 'of the Hellfire' and a provision for the travellers. 74. So glorify the Name of your Lord, the Greatest.

### Message to Quran Deniers

75. So I do swear by the positions of the stars—

بَيْنَكُمْ الْمَوْتَ وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمَسْبُوقِينَ ۖ عَلَىٰ أَنْ

تُبَدِّلَ أَمْثَالَكُمْ وَنُنشِئَكُمْ فِي مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمُ النَّشْأَةَ الْأُولَىٰ فَلَوْلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَحْرَثُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾ ءَأَنْتُمْ تَزْرَعُونَهُ أَمْ

نَحْنُ الزَّارِعُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾ لَوْ نَشَاءُ لَجَعَلْنَاهُ حُطَامًا

فَقُلْتُمْ تَفْكَهُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾ إِنَّا لَمُعْرِمُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾ بَلْ نَحْنُ

مَحْرُومُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾ أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ الْمَاءَ الَّذِي تَشْرَبُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

ءَأَنْتُمْ أَنْزَلْتُمُوهُ مِنَ الْمُزْنِ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْمُنْزِلُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

لَوْ نَشَاءُ لَجَعَلْنَاهُ أَمْلَحًا فَلَوْلَا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾

أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ النَّارَ الَّتِي تُورُونَ ﴿٧١﴾ ءَأَنْتُمْ أَنْشَأْتُمْ

شَجَرَتَهَا أَمْ نَحْنُ الْمُنْشِئُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾ نَحْنُ جَعَلْنَاهَا

تَذَكُّرَةً وَمَتَاعًا لِلْمُقْوِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾ فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ

رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٧٤﴾ فَلَا أُقْسِمُ بِمَوْجِعِ النُّجُومِ ﴿٧٥﴾

76. and this, if only you knew, is indeed a great oath— 77. that this is truly anoble Quran, 78. in a well-preserved Record,<sup>1154</sup> 79. touched by none except the purified 'angels',<sup>1155</sup> 80. "It is" a revelation from the Lord of all worlds. 81. How can you then take this message lightly, 82. and repay 'Allah for' your provisions with denial?<sup>1156</sup>

*A Challenge to Deniers of the Hereafter*

83. Why then 'are you helpless' when the soul 'of a dying person' reaches 'their' throat, 84. while you are looking on? 85. And We are nearer to such a person than you, but you cannot see. 86. Now, if you are not subject to Our Will 'as you claim', 87. bring that soul back, if what you say is true.

*Which of the Three Will You Be?*

88. So, if the deceased is one of those brought near 'to Us', 89. then 'such a person will have' serenity, fragrance,<sup>1157</sup> and a Garden of Bliss. 90. And if the deceased is one of the people of the right, 91. then 'they will be told,' "Greetings to you from the people of the right." 92. But if such person is one of the misguided deniers, 93. then their accommodation will be boiling water 'to drink'

وَإِنَّهُ لَقَسَمٌ لِّتَوْعَلَمُونَ عَظِيمٌ ٨٠ إِنَّهُ لَقُرْآنٌ كَرِيمٌ ٨١ فِي كِتَابٍ مَّكْنُونٍ ٨٢ لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ ٨٣ تَنْزِيلٌ مِّن رَّبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ٨٤ أَفَبِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَنْتُمْ مُذْهِبُونَ ٨٥ وَتَجْعَلُونَ رِزْقَكُمْ أَنْتُمْ تُكَذِّبُونَ ٨٦ فَلَوْلَا إِذَا بَلَغَتِ الْحُلُقُومَ ٨٧ وَأَنْتُمْ حِينِيذٍ تَنْظُرُونَ ٨٨ وَنَحْنُ أَقْدَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْكُمْ وَلَكِنْ لَا تُبْصِرُونَ ٨٩ فَلَوْلَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ غَيْرَ مَدِينِينَ ٩٠ تَرْجِعُونَهَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ٩١ فَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ ٩٢ فَرَوْحٌ وَرَيْحَانٌ ۖ وَجَدَتْهُ نَعِيمٌ ٩٣ وَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ ٩٤ فَسَلَامٌ لَّكَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ ٩٥ وَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنَ الْبُكَدِّبِينَ ٩٦ الصَّالِينَ ٩٧ فَنَزْلٌ مِّنْ حَمِيمٍ ٩٨ وَتَصْلِيَةٌ

حَمِيمٍ

منزل

<sup>1154</sup> See 43:4.

<sup>1155</sup> This verse refutes the pagan claim that the Quran was sent down by devils (see 26:210-212). Based on this verse, many jurists maintain that a Muslim should perform ablutions before reading the Quran.

<sup>1156</sup> Some pagans believed that rain was caused by some stars.

<sup>1157</sup> lit., fragrant basil. Throughout the Quran, Paradise is described as being pleasant to the eye, the heart, and the ear. This verse emphasizes the scent as well.

بَحِيمٍ ۝ إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ حَقُّ الْيَقِينِ ۝ فَسَبِّحْ

بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ ۝

﴿آيَاتُهَا ٢٩﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْحَدِيدِ مَكْنِيَةً (٩٢)﴾ ﴿رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٢﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝

سَبِّحَ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ

الْحَكِيمُ ۝ لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ يُحْيِي وَ

يُمِيتُ ۚ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝ هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ

وَالْآخِرُ وَالظَّاهِرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ ۚ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ

عَلِيمٌ ۝ هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي

سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۚ يَعْلَمُ مَا

يَلْجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ

مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا ۚ وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ

مَا كُنْتُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ۝ لَهُ

94. and burning in Hellfire. 95. Indeed, this is the absolute truth. 96. So glorify the Name of your Lord, the Greatest.

﴿٢٩﴾ ﴿٩٢﴾ ﴿٢﴾

### 57. Iron (Al-Hadid)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Allah's Knowledge and Might

1. Whatever is in the heavens and the earth glorifies Allah, for He is the Almighty, All-Wise. 2. To Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He gives life and causes death. And He is Most Capable of everything. 3. He is the First and the Last, the Most High and Most Near,<sup>1158</sup> and He has 'perfect' knowledge of all things. 4. He is the One Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days,<sup>1159</sup> then established Himself on the Throne. He knows whatever goes into the earth and whatever comes out of it, and whatever descends from the sky and whatever ascends into it. And He is with you wherever you are.<sup>1160</sup> For Allah is All-Seeing of what you do. 5. To Him belongs the kingdom

1158 Another possible translation: "the Manifest 'through His signs' and the Hidden 'from His creation'."

1159 See footnote for 7:54.

1160 By His knowledge.

of the heavens and the earth. And to Allah all matters are returned. 6. He merges the night into day and the day into night. And He knows best what is 'hidden' in the heart.

#### *Believe and Support Allah's Cause*

7. Believe in Allah and His Messenger, and donate from what He has entrusted you with. So those of you who believe and donate will have a mighty reward.

#### *Why Do You Not Believe?*

8. Why do you not believe in Allah while the Messenger is inviting you to have faith in your Lord, although He has already taken your covenant,<sup>1161</sup> if you will ever believe.  
9. He is the One Who sends down clear revelations to His servant to bring you out of darkness and into light. For indeed Allah is Ever Gracious and Most Merciful to you.

#### *Why Do You Not Donate?*

10. And why should you not spend in the cause of Allah, while Allah is the 'sole' inheritor of the heavens and the earth? Those of you who donated and fought before the victory 'over Mecca' are unparalleled.

مُلْكُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ ۖ وَاِلَى اللّٰهِ تُرْجَعُ  
الْاُمُوْر ۝ يُوَلِّجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُوَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ  
فِي اللَّيْلِ ۖ وَهُوَ عَلِيْمٌ بِذٰتِ الصُّدُوْرِ ۝ اٰمَنُوْا  
بِاللّٰهِ وَرَسُوْلِهِ ۖ وَانْفِقُوْا مِمَّا جَعَلَكُمْ مُّسْتَحْلِفِيْنَ  
فِيْهِ ۖ فَاَلَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا مِنْكُمْ وَانْفَقُوْا لَهُمْ اَجْرٌ  
كَبِيْرٌ ۝ وَمَا لَكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُوْنَ بِاللّٰهِ وَالرَّسُوْلِ  
يَدْعُوْكُمْ لِتُؤْمِنُوْا بِرَبِّكُمْ وَقَدْ اٰخَذَ مِيْثَاقَكُمْ  
اِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِيْنَ ۝ هُوَ الَّذِيْ يُنَزِّلُ عَلٰى  
عَبْدِهٖ اٰيٰتٍ بَيِّنٰتٍ لِّيُخْرِجَكُمْ مِّنَ الظُّلُمٰتِ  
اِلَى النُّوْرِ ۚ وَاِنَّ اللّٰهَ بِكُمْ لَرَءُوْفٌ رَّحِيْمٌ ۝ وَمَا  
لَكُمْ اَلَّا تُنْفِقُوْا فِىْ سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ وَبِلِئْلِ مِيْرٰثِ  
السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ ۚ لَا يَسْتَوِيْ مِنْكُمْ مَّنْ اَنْفَقَ  
مِّنْ قَبْلِ الْفَتْحِ وَقَتْلٍ ۚ اُولٰٓئِكَ اَعْظَمُ دَرَجَةً

مِّنَ الَّذِيْنَ

مَنْزِلَءُ

They are far greater in rank than those who donated and fought afterwards.<sup>1162</sup> Yet Allah has promised each a fine reward. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

*A Generous Reward for the Generous*  
11. Who is it that will lend to Allah a good loan which Allah will multiply 'many times over' for them, and they will have an honourable reward?<sup>1163</sup>  
12. On that Day you will see believing men and women with their light shining ahead of them and on their right. 'They will be told,' 'Today you have good news of Gardens, under which rivers flow, 'for you' to stay in forever. This is 'truly' the ultimate triumph.'

*The Hypocrites Entrenched in Darkness*

13. On that Day hypocrite men and women will beg the believers, "Wait for us so that we may have some of your light." It will be said 'mockingly', "Go back 'to the world' and seek a light 'there'!" Then a 'separating' wall with a gate will be erected between them. On the near side will be grace and on the far side will be torment.<sup>1164</sup> 14. The tormented will cry out to those graced, "Were we not with you?" They will reply, "Yes 'you were'".

مَنْ الَّذِينَ أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ وَقْتِهَا ۚ وَكَلَّا  
وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحُسْنَىٰ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ۝  
مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضَعِفَهُ  
لَهُ وَلَهُ أَجْرٌ كَرِيمٌ ۝ يَوْمَ تَرَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَسْعَىٰ نُورُهُمْ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ  
بُشْرَاكُمْ الْيَوْمَ جَنَّتْ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ  
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۚ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ۝ يَوْمَ  
يَقُولُ الْمُنْفِقُونَ وَالْمُنْفِقَتُ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
انظُرُونَا نَقْتِسِسْ مِنْ نُورِكُمْ قِيلَ ارْجِعُوا  
وَرَآءَكُمْ فَالْتَمِسُوا نُورًا ۚ فَضُرِبَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِسُورٍ لَهُ  
بَابٌ بَاطِنُهُ فِيهِ الرَّحْمَةُ وَظَاهِرُهُ مِنْ قِبَلِهِ  
الْعَذَابُ ۝ يُنَادُونَهُمْ أَلَمْ نَكُنْ مَعَكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ  
وَلَكِنَّكُمْ فَتَنْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَتَرَبَّصْتُمْ وَارْتَبْتُمْ

وَعَزَّزْتُمْ

مَنْزِلَءَ

<sup>1162</sup> Prior to the victory over Mecca, Muslims were outnumbered and perceived as weak. Once Mecca surrendered to the Muslims, many tribes either accepted Islam or made peace agreements with the Muslim victors. Therefore, the believers who donated and strived at the time of hardship and weakness deserve more rewards than those who did so at the time of ease and prominence.

<sup>1163</sup> i.e., Paradise.

<sup>1164</sup> This wall is said to be the barrier of *Al-A'raf* (or the heights) between Paradise and Hell. See 7:46-49.

But you chose to be tempted 'by hypocrisy', 'eagerly' awaited 'our demise', doubted 'the truth', and were deluded by false hopes until Allah's decree 'of your death' came to pass. And 'so' the Chief Deceiver<sup>1165</sup> deceived you about Allah. 15. So Today no ransom will be accepted from you 'hypocrites', nor from the disbelievers. Your home is the Fire—it is the 'only' fitting place for you. What an evil destination!"

### *Hardened Hearts*

16. Has the time not yet come for believers' hearts to be humbled at the remembrance of Allah and what has been revealed of the truth, and not be like those given the Scripture before—"those" who were spoiled for so long that their hearts became hardened. And many of them are 'still' rebellious. 17. Know that Allah revives the earth after its death.<sup>1166</sup> We have certainly made the signs clear for you so perhaps you will understand.

### *Reward of the Faithful*

18. Indeed, those men and women who give in charity and lend to Allah a good loan will have it multiplied for them, and they will have an honourable reward.<sup>1167</sup> 19. "As for" those who believe in Allah and His messengers, it is they who are 'truly' the people of truth.

وَعَزَّيْتُمْ الْأَمَانِي حَتَّى جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَعَزَّيْتُمْ  
بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ ١٥ ۖ فَالْيَوْمَ لَا يُؤْخَذُ مِنْكُمْ فِدْيَةٌ  
وَلَا مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۖ مَا وَلَكُمْ النَّارُ هِيَ  
مَوْلَاكُمْ ۖ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ١٦ ۚ أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا أَنْ تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَا نَزَلَ  
مِنْ الْحَقِّ ۚ وَلَا يَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ  
مِنْ قَبْلُ ۖ طَالَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْأَمَدُ فَقَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ ۖ  
وَكَثِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ ١٧ ۚ إِعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ  
يُحْيِي الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ۖ قَدْ بَيَّنَّا لَكُمْ  
الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ١٨ ۚ إِنَّ الْمَصْدَقِينَ  
وَالْمُصَدِّقَاتِ وَأَقْرَضُوا اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا يُّضَعْفُ  
لَهُمْ وَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ كَرِيمٌ ١٩ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ  
وَرُسُلِهِ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الصِّدِّيقُونَ ۖ وَالشُّهَدَاءُ

عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ

مَنْزِلٌ

1165 Satan.

1166 So it is easy for Him to soften your hearts as well.

1167 i.e., Paradise.



عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ وَنُورُهُمْ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ  
الْجَحِيمِ ۝١٩ اِعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ  
وَلَهُوٌ وَزِينَةٌ وَتَفَاخُرٌ بَيْنَكُمْ وَتَكَاثُرٌ فِي  
الْأَمْوَالِ ۖ وَالْأُولَادِ ۖ كَمَثَلِ غَيْثٍ أَعْجَبَ الْكُفَّارَ  
نَبَاتُهُ ثُمَّ يَهِيجُ فَتَرَاهُ مُصْفَرًّا ثُمَّ يَكُونُ  
حُطَامًا ۖ وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ ۖ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ  
مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانٌ ۖ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا  
إِلَّا لَمَتَاعٌ الْعُدُورِ ۝٢٠ سَابِقُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ  
مِّنَ رَبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا كَعَرْضِ السَّمَاءِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ أَعِدَّتْ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَ  
رُسُلِهِ ۖ ذَٰلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۖ  
وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ۝٢١ مَا أَصَابَ مَن

And the martyrs, with their Lord, will have their reward and their light. But 'as for' those who disbelieve and reject Our signs, it is they who will be the residents of the Hellfire.

#### Fleeting Life vs. Eternal Life

20. Know that this worldly life is no more than play, amusement, luxury, mutual boasting, and competition in wealth and children. This is like rain that causes plants to grow, to the delight of the planters. But later the plants dry up and you see them wither, then they are reduced to chaff. And in the Hereafter there will be either severe punishment or forgiveness and pleasure of Allah, whereas the life of this world is no more than the delusion of enjoyment. 21. 'So' compete with one another for forgiveness from your Lord and a Paradise as vast as the heavens and the earth, prepared for those who believe in Allah and His messengers. This is the favour of Allah. He grants it to whoever He wills. And Allah is the Lord of infinite bounty.

*Everything Is Destined*

22. No calamity 'or blessing' occurs on earth or in yourselves without being 'written' in a Record before We bring it into being. This is certainly easy for Allah. 23. 'We let you know this' so that you neither grieve over what you have missed nor boast over what He has granted you. For Allah does not like whoever is arrogant, boastful— 24. those who are stingy and promote stinginess among people. And whoever turns away 'should know that' Allah 'alone' is truly the Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.

*Prophets and Justice*

25. Indeed, We sent Our messengers with clear proofs, and with them We sent down the Scripture and the balance 'of justice' so that people may administer justice. And We sent down iron with its great might, benefits for humanity, and means for Allah to prove who 'is willing to' stand up for Him and His messengers without seeing Him. Surely Allah is All-Powerful, Almighty.

*Noah and Abraham*

26. And indeed, We sent Noah and Abraham and reserved prophethood and revelation for their descendants.

مُصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِلَّا  
فِي كِتَابٍ مِّن قَبْلِ أَن نَّبْرَأَهَا إِنَّ ذَلِكَ  
عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ﴿٢٢﴾ لَّكَيْلَا تَأْسَوْا عَلَى مَا  
فَاتَكُمْ وَلَا تَفْرَحُوا بِمَا آتَاكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا  
يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ ﴿٢٣﴾ الَّذِينَ يَبْخُلُونَ  
وَيَأْمُرُونَ النَّاسَ بِالْبُخْلِ ۖ وَمَن يَتَوَلَّ  
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢٤﴾ لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا  
رُسُلَنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ  
وَالْمِيزَانَ لِيَقُومَ النَّاسُ بِالْقِسْطِ ۖ وَأَنْزَلْنَا  
الْحَدِيدَ فِيهِ بَأْسٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِ  
وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ مَن يَنْصُرُهُ وَرُسُلَهُ بِالْغَيْبِ ۖ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ﴿٢٥﴾ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا وَ  
إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَجَعَلْنَا فِي ذُرِّيَّتِهِمَا النَّبُوَّةَ وَالْكِتَابَ

فَمِنْهُمْ

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فَمِنْهُمْ مُهْتَدٍ ۚ وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَسِقُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ ثُمَّ

فَقَعَيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِرُسُلِنَا وَقَفَّيْنَا بِعِيسَىٰ

ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنجِيلَ ۚ وَجَعَلْنَا فِي

قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُ رَأْفَةً وَرَحْمَةً ۗ وَرَهْبَانِيَّةً

إِيتَدَعُوهَا مَا كَتَبْنَاهَا عَلَيْهِمْ إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ رِضْوَانِ

اللَّهِ فَمَا رَعَوْهَا حَقَّ رِعَايَتِهَا ۚ فَآتَيْنَا الَّذِينَ

أَمَنُوا مِنْهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ ۚ وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَسِقُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَآمِنُوا بِرَسُولِهِ

يُؤْتِكُمْ كُفْلَيْنِ مِنْ رَّحْمَتِهِ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ نُورًا

تَمْشُونَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٢٩﴾

لِّئَلَّا يَعْلَمَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا يَتَّقِدُونَ عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ

مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَأَنَّ الْفَضْلَ بِيَدِ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ

مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٣٠﴾

Some of them are 'rightly' guided, while most are rebellious.

#### *Jesus and His Followers*

27. Then in the footsteps of these 'prophets', We sent Our messengers, and 'after them' We sent Jesus, son of Mary, and granted him the Gospel, and instilled compassion and mercy into the hearts of his followers. As for monasticism, they made it up—We never ordained it for them—only seeking to please Allah, yet they did not 'even' observe it strictly. So We rewarded those of them who were faithful. But most of them are rebellious.

#### *An Appeal to Jews and Christians*

28. O people of faith! Fear Allah and believe in His Messenger. 'And' He will grant you a double share of His mercy, provide you with a light to walk in 'on Judgment Day', and forgive you. For Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 29. 'This is so' that the People of the Book 'who deny the Prophet' may know that they do not have any control over Allah's grace, and that all grace is in Allah's Hands. He grants it to whoever He wills. For Allah is the Lord of infinite bounty.

58. The Pleading Woman  
(Al-Mujâdilah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*The Case of Khawlah*

1. Indeed, Allah has heard the argument of the woman who pleaded with you 'O Prophet' concerning her husband, and appealed to Allah. Allah has heard your exchange. Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

*The Ruling on Zihâr*

2. Those of you who "sinfully" divorce their wives by comparing them to their mothers "should know that" their wives are in no way their mothers. None can be their mothers except those who gave birth to them. What they say is certainly detestable and false. Yet Allah is truly Ever-Pardoning, All-Forgiving. 3. Those who divorce their wives in this manner, then "wish to" retract what they said, must free a slave before they touch each other. This "penalty" is meant to deter you. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do. 4. But if the husband cannot afford this, let him then fast two consecutive months before the couple touch each other. But if he is unable "to fast", then let him feed sixty poor people. This is to re-affirm your faith in Allah and His Messenger.

الْمُجَادِلَةُ ٥٨

سُورَةُ الْمُجَادِلَةِ الزُّمَرِ (٥٨) (١٠٥) رُوعَانَهَا ٣

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قَدْ سَمِعَ اللَّهُ قَوْلَ الَّتِي تُجَادِلُكَ فِي زَوْجِهَا  
وَتَشْتَكِي إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ يَسْمَعُ تَحَاوُرَكُمَا ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ۝ الَّذِينَ يُظَاهِرُونَ مِنْكُمْ مِنْ نِسَائِهِمْ  
مَا هُنَّ أُمَّهَاتُهُمْ ۖ إِنَّ أُمَّهَاتَهُمْ إِلَّا الْإِصْنَاءُ وَلَدَنَّهُمْ ۖ وَ  
إِنَّهُمْ لَيَقُولُونَ مُنْكَرًا مِنَ الْقَوْلِ وَزُورًا ۖ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ  
لَعَفُوٌّ غَفُورٌ ۝ وَالَّذِينَ يُظَاهِرُونَ مِنْ نِسَائِهِمْ  
ثُمَّ يَعُودُونَ لِهَذَا قَالُوا فَتَحْرِيرُ رَقَبَةٍ ۖ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ  
يَتَمَاسَا ۖ ذَلِكُمْ تَوْعَظُونَ بِهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ  
خَبِيرٌ ۝ فَمَنْ لَمْ يَجِدْ فَصِيَامُ شَهْرَيْنِ مُتَتَابِعَيْنِ  
مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَتَمَاسَا ۖ فَمَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فِإِطْعَامُ سِتِّينَ  
مَسْكِينًا ۖ ذَلِكُمْ لِيُتُومِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۖ وَتِلْكَ حُدُودُ

اللَّهُ

مَنْزِلُهُ

These are the limits set by Allah. And the disbelievers will suffer a painful punishment.

#### *Fate of the Defiant*

5. Indeed, those who defy Allah and His Messenger will be debased, just like those before them. We have certainly sent down clear revelations. And the disbelievers will suffer a humiliating punishment. 6. On the Day Allah resurrects them all together, He will then inform them of what they have done. Allah has kept account of it all, while they have forgotten it. For Allah is a Witness over all things.

#### *Allah's Infinite Knowledge*

7. Do you not see that Allah knows whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth? If three converse privately, He is their fourth. If five, He is their sixth. Whether fewer or more, He is with them<sup>1168</sup> wherever they may be. Then, on the Day of Judgment, He will inform them of what they have done. Surely Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things.

#### *Evil, Secret Talks*

8. Have you not seen those who were forbidden from secret talks, yet they 'always' return to what they were forbidden from, conspiring in sin, aggression, and disobedience to the Messenger? And when they come to you 'O Prophet', they greet you not as Allah greets you,<sup>1169</sup> and say to one another,

اللَّهُ وَلِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۝ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحَادُّونَ  
اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ كُبِتُوا كَمَا كُبِتَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَقَدْ  
أَنْزَلْنَا آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ وَلِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابٌ مُهِينٌ ۝  
يَوْمَ يَبْعَثُهُمُ اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا فَيُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا عَمِلُوا ۝  
أَحْصَاهُ اللَّهُ وَنُصُوهُ ۝ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ۝  
أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
مَا يَكُونُ مِنْ نَجْوَى ثَلَاثَةٍ إِلَّا هُوَ رَابِعُهُمْ وَلَا خَمْسَةٍ  
إِلَّا هُوَ سَادِسُهُمْ وَلَا آدْنَى مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْثَرُ إِلَّا هُوَ  
مَعَهُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كَانُوا ۝ ثُمَّ يُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا عَمِلُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۝  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ۝ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ نُهُوا  
عَنِ النَّجْوَى ثُمَّ يَعُودُونَ لِمَا نُهُوا عَنْهُ وَيَتَنَجَّوْنَ  
بِالْأَثَمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ وَمَعْصِيَتِ الرَّسُولِ وَإِذَا جَاءُوكَ  
حَيَّوْكَ بِمَا لَمْ يُحَيِّكَ بِهِ اللَّهُ وَيَقُولُونَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ

لَوْلَا يَعَذِّبُنَا

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1168 i.e., by His knowledge.

1169 Some Jews used to play with words when they addressed the Prophet to ridicule him, saying for example 'Asâmu 'alaikum' (death be upon you) instead of 'Asalâmu 'alaikum' (peace be upon you)—which is the greeting of Islam, inspired by Allah.

“Why does Allah not punish us for what we say?” Hell is enough for them—they will burn in it. And what an evil destination!

#### Guidelines for Secret Talks

9. O believers! When you converse privately, let it not be for sin, aggression, or disobedience to the Messenger, but let it be for goodness and righteousness. And fear Allah, to Whom you will ‘all’ be gathered. 10. Secret talks are only inspired by Satan to grieve the believers. Yet he cannot harm them whatsoever except by Allah’s Will. So in Allah let the believers put their trust.

#### Etiquette of Gatherings

11. O believers! When you are told to make room in gatherings, then do so. Allah will make room for you ‘in His grace’. And if you are told to rise, then do so. Allah will elevate those of you who are faithful, and ‘raise’ those gifted with knowledge in rank. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

#### Charity Before Consulting the Prophet<sup>1170</sup>

12. O believers! When you consult the Messenger privately, give something in charity before your consultation. That is better and purer for you.

لَوْلَا يُعَذِّبُنَا اللَّهُ بِمَا نَقُولُ ۖ حَسْبُهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ ۖ يَصْلَوْنَهَا ۚ  
فِئْسَ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿٩﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا تَنَاجَيْتُمْ فَلَا  
تَتَنَاجَوْا بِالْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ وَمَعْصِيَةِ الرَّسُولِ  
وَتَنَاجَوْا بِالْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي إِلَيْهِ  
تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿١٠﴾ إِنَّمَا النَّجْوَى مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ لِيَحْزَنَ  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَيْسَ بِضَارِّهِمْ شَيْئًا إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۖ  
وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١١﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمْ تَفَسَّحُوا فِي الْمَجْلِسِ فَافْسَحُوا يَفْسَحِ  
اللَّهُ لَكُمْ ۚ وَإِذَا قِيلَ انْشُرُوا فَانْشُرُوا يَرْفَعِ اللَّهُ  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ ۖ  
وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٢﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
إِذَا نَاجَيْتُمُ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ نَجْوَاكُمْ  
صَدَقَةٌ ۚ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ وَأَطْهَرُ ۚ فَإِنْ لَمْ تَجِدُوا

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1170 Some companions used to ask the Prophet (ﷺ) unnecessary and sometimes meaningless questions. For example: who their fathers were, where their lost animals were, and what they had in their pockets. Some would ask for new rulings that would probably make things difficult for some Muslims or even themselves. So this verse was revealed to cut down such practice. Eventually, the ruling was lifted in order not to make it difficult for people with good questions, who could not afford to give a charity.

فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ۝١٣ ءَأَشْفَقْتُمْ أَنْ تُقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ  
يَدَيْ نَجْوٰكُمْ صَدَقْتُمْ ۖ فَاذْكُم ۖ لَمْ تَفْعَلُوا وَتَابَ اللَّهُ  
عَلَيْكُمْ فَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَاطِيعُوا اللَّهَ  
وَرَسُولَهُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ۝١٤ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى  
الَّذِينَ تَوَلَّوْا قَوْمًا غَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ مَا هُمْ مِنْكُمْ  
وَلَا مِنْهُمْ ۖ وَيَخْلِفُونَ عَلَى الْكَذِبِ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ۝١٥  
أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا ۖ إِنَّهُمْ سَاءَ مَا كَانُوا  
يَعْمَلُونَ ۝١٦ اتَّخَذُوا أَيْمَانَهُمْ جُنَّةً ۖ فَصَدُّوا عَنْ  
سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۖ فَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُهِينٌ ۝١٧ لَنْ تَغْنِي  
عَنْهُمْ أَمْوَالُهُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا ۖ  
أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ۝١٨ يَوْمَ  
يَبْعَثُهُمُ اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا ۖ فَيَحْلِفُونَ لَهُ كَمَا يَحْلِفُونَ لَكُمْ  
وَيَحْسِبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ ۖ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ الْكَذِبُونَ ۝١٩

But if you lack the means, then Allah is truly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 13. Are you afraid of spending in charity before your private consultations 'with him'? Since you are unable to do so, and Allah has turned to you in mercy, then 'continue to' establish prayer, pay alms-tax, and obey Allah and His Messenger. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

#### Satan's Party

14. Have you not seen those 'hypocrites' who ally themselves with a people with whom Allah is displeased? They are neither with you nor with them. And they swear to lies knowingly. 15. Allah has prepared for them a severe punishment. Evil indeed is what they do. 16. They have made their 'false' oaths as a shield, hindering 'others' from the cause of Allah. So they will suffer a humiliating punishment. 17. Neither their wealth nor children will be of any help to them against Allah whatsoever. It is they who will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever. 18. On the Day Allah resurrects them all, they will 'falsely' swear to Him as they swear to you, thinking they have something to stand on. Indeed, it is they who are the 'total' liars.

19. Satan has taken hold of them, causing them to forget the remembrance of Allah. They are the party of Satan. Surely Satan's party is bound to lose.

#### Allah's Party

20. "As for" those who defy Allah and His Messenger, they will definitely be among the most debased. 21. Allah has decreed, "I and My messengers will certainly prevail." Surely Allah is All-Powerful, Almighty. 22. You will never find a people who 'truly' believe in Allah and the Last Day loyal to those who defy Allah and His Messenger, even if they were their parents, children, siblings, or extended family. For those 'believers', Allah has instilled faith in their hearts and strengthened them with a spirit from Him.<sup>1171</sup> He will admit them into Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there forever. Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. They are the party of Allah. Indeed, Allah's party is bound to succeed.



#### 59. The Banishment (Al-Hashr)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Banu An-Naḍir Exiled

1. Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth glorifies Allah.

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اِسْتَحْوَذَ عَلَيْهِمُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَانْهَضُوا لَكُمْ حِزْبًا  
الشَّيْطَانِ اِلَّا اِنْ حِزْبَ الشَّيْطَانِ هُمُ الْخٰسِرُونَ ﴿١٩﴾ اِنَّ  
الَّذِيْنَ يُحٰدِثُوْنَ اللّٰهَ وَرَسُوْلَهٗ اُولٰٓئِكَ فِي الْاٰذَلٰٓئِنَ ﴿٢٠﴾  
كَتَبَ اللّٰهُ لَاٰغْلِبَنَّ اَنَا وَرُسُلِيْ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيْزٌ ﴿٢١﴾  
لَا تَجِدُ قَوْمًا يُؤْمِنُوْنَ بِاللّٰهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْاٰخِرِ يُوَادُّوْنَ  
مَنْ حَادَّ اللّٰهَ وَرَسُوْلَهٗ وَلَوْ كَانُوْا اٰبَآءَهُمْ اَوْ اَبْنَاءَهُمْ  
اَوْ اِخْوَانَهُمْ اَوْ عَشِيْرَتَهُمْ اُولٰٓئِكَ كَتَبَ فِيْ قُلُوْبِهِمُ  
الْاِيْمَانَ وَاَيَّدَهُمْ بِرُوْحٍ مِّنْهُ وَيُدْخِلُهُمْ جَنَّٰتٍ تَجْرٰى  
مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْاَنْهَارُ خٰلِدِيْنَ فِيْهَا رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوْا  
عَنْهُ اُولٰٓئِكَ حِزْبُ اللّٰهِ اِلَّا اِنْ حِزْبَ اللّٰهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُوْنَ ﴿٢٢﴾

اٰيٰتُهَا ٢٣ سُوْرَةُ الْحَشْرِ لَا مَكِّيَّةٌ (١٠١) اٰيٰتُهَا ٣

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

سَبَّحَ لِلّٰهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ ۚ وَهُوَ  
الْعَزِيْزُ الْحَكِيْمُ

منزل ٤

<sup>1171</sup> Spirit here can mean revelation, light, or help.



For He is the Almighty, All-Wise. 2. He is the One Who expelled the disbelievers of the People of the Book from their homes for 'their' first banishment 'ever'. You never thought they would go. And they thought their strongholds would put them out of Allah's reach. But 'the decree of' Allah came upon them from where they never expected. And He cast horror into their hearts so they destroyed their houses with their own hands and the hands of the believers.<sup>1172</sup> So take a lesson 'from this', O people of insight! 3. Had Allah not decreed exile for them, He would have certainly punished them in this world. And in the Hereafter they will suffer the punishment of the Fire. 4. This is because they defied Allah and His Messenger. And whoever defies Allah, then Allah is truly severe in punishment.

#### Ruling on Palm Trees and Gains

5. Whatever palm trees you 'believers' cut down or left standing intact, it was 'all' by Allah's Will, so that He might disgrace the rebellious.<sup>1173</sup> 6. As for the gains Allah has turned over to His Messenger from them—you did not 'even' spur on any horse or camel for such gains. But Allah gives authority to His messengers over whoever He wills.

وَقَدْ أَفْلَحَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِهِ وَلِقَاءِ رَبِّهِمْ

الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ① هُوَ الَّذِي أَخْرَجَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ لِأَوَّلِ الْحَشْرِ مَا ظَنَنْتُمْ أَنْ يَخْرُجُوا وَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُمْ مَانِعَتُهُمْ حُصُونُهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ فَأَتَهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ يَحْتَسِبُوا وَقَذَفَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الرُّعْبَ يُخْرِبُونَ بُيُوتَهُمْ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ وَأَيْدِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ② فَاعْتَبِرُوا يَا أُولِيَ الْأَبْصَارِ ③ وَلَوْلَا أَنْ كَتَبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْجَلَاءَ لَعَذَّبَهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَلَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابُ النَّارِ ④ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ شَاقُّوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ⑤ وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ اللَّهَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ⑥ مَا قَطَعْتُمْ مِّنْ لِّينَةٍ أَوْ تَرَكْتُمُوهَا قَائِمَةً عَلَى أُصُولِهَا فَبِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَلِيُخْرِجَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ⑦ وَمَا أَفَاءَ اللَّهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ مِنْهُمْ فَمَا أَوْجَفْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ خَيْلٍ وَلَا رِكَابٍ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يُسَلِّطُ رُسُلَهُ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ ⑧ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

مَنْزِلٌ

1172 The Prophet (ﷺ) allowed Banu An-Nadîr to carry whatever they could on their camels, so they removed the wooden pillars of their homes, causing them to collapse.

1173 The Prophet (ﷺ) had instructed the Muslim army not to cut down trees, but some soldiers had to remove some palm trees to be able to enter the fort, to the dismay of Banu An-Nadîr. When Muslims disagreed on that act, this verse was revealed.

For Allah is Most Capable of everything.

#### *Distribution of Future Gains*<sup>1174</sup>

7. As for gains granted by Allah to His Messenger from the people of 'other' lands, they are for Allah and the Messenger, his close relatives, orphans, the poor, and 'needy' travellers so that wealth may not merely circulate among your rich. Whatever the Messenger gives you, take it. And whatever he forbids you from, leave it. And fear Allah. Surely Allah is severe in punishment.

8. 'Some of the gains will be' for poor emigrants who were driven out of their homes and wealth, seeking Allah's bounty and pleasure, and standing up for Allah and His Messenger. They are the ones true in faith.

#### *Excellence of the People of Medina*<sup>1175</sup>

9. As for those who had settled in the city and 'embraced' the faith before 'the arrival of' the emigrants, they love whoever immigrates to them, never having a desire in their hearts for whatever 'of the gains' is given to the emigrants. They give 'the emigrants' preference over themselves even though they may be in need. And whoever is saved from the selfishness of their own souls, it is they who are 'truly' successful.

#### *Later Believers*

10. And those who come after them will pray,

شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٍ ۖ مَا آفَاءَ اللَّهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ مِنْ أَهْلِ  
الْقُرَى فَلِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ وَلِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ  
وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ ۚ كَيْ لَا يَكُونَ دُولَةً بَيْنَ  
الْأَغْنِيَاءِ مِنْكُمْ ۚ وَمَا أَتَاكُمْ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ ۚ وَمَا  
نَهَكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ  
الْعِقَابِ ۚ ۝ لِّلْفُقَرَاءِ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا  
مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ وَأَمْوَالِهِمْ يَبْتَغُونَ فَضْلًا مِّنَ اللَّهِ  
وَرِضْوَانًا وَيَنْصَرُونَ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
الصَّادِقُونَ ۝ ۝ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ تَبَوَّءُوا الدَّارَ وَالْإِيمَانَ  
مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ يُحِبُّونَ مَنْ هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَا يَجِدُونَ  
فِي صُدُورِهِمْ حَاجَةً مِّمَّا أُوتُوا وَيُؤْثِرُونَ عَلَىٰ  
أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ ۚ وَمَنْ يُوقِ شُحَّ  
نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ۝ ۝ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ جَاءُوا

مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ

مَنْزِلٌ

<sup>1174</sup> The verses here talk about the distribution of gains acquired without fighting. These gains are mostly distributed among the poor and the needy.

As for the spoils of war, four-fifths of the spoils are distributed among the fighters. See 8:41.

<sup>1175</sup> Commonly known as *Al-Ansar* (for the Helpers).

مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا  
 الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا  
 غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ١٠ أَلَمْ  
 تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ نَافَقُوا يَقُولُونَ لِإِخْوَانِهِمُ الَّذِينَ  
 كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَئِنْ أُخْرِجْتُمْ لَنَخْرُجَنَّ  
 مَعَكُمْ وَلَا نَطِيعُ فِيكُمْ أَحَدًا أَبَدًا وَإِنْ قُوتِلْتُمْ  
 لَنَنْصُرَنَّكُمْ ١١ وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّهُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ ١٢  
 لَئِنْ أُخْرِجُوا لَا يَخْرُجُونَ مَعَهُمْ ١٣ وَلَئِنْ قُوتِلُوا لَا  
 يَنْصُرُونَهُمْ ١٤ وَلَئِنْ نَصَرُوهُمْ لَيُوَلِّنَنَّ الْأُثْدَارَ ثُمَّ  
 لَا يَنْصُرُونَ ١٥ لَأَعْنَتُمْ أَشَدَّ رَهْبَةً فِي صُدُورِهِمْ  
 مِنَ اللَّهِ ١٦ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ١٧ لَا  
 يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ جَمِيعًا إِلَّا فِي قَرْيٍ مُحَصَّنَةٍ أَوْ مِنْ  
 وَرَاءِ جُدُرٍ ١٨ بَأْسُهُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ شَدِيدٌ ١٩ تَحْسَبُهُمْ جَمِيعًا

وَقُلُوبُهُمْ

مَنْزِلٌ

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↑ “Our Lord! Forgive us and our fellow believers who preceded us in faith, and do not allow bitterness into our hearts towards those who believe. Our Lord! Indeed, You are Ever Gracious, Most Merciful.”

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#### The Hypocrites and Banu An-Nadîr

11. Have you ‘O Prophet’ not seen the hypocrites who say to their fellow disbelievers from the People of the Book.<sup>1176</sup> “If you are expelled, we will certainly leave with you, and We will never obey anyone against you. And if you are fought against, we will surely help you.”? But Allah bears witness that they are truly liars. 12. Indeed, if they are expelled, the hypocrites will never leave with them. And if they are fought against, the hypocrites will never help them. And even if the hypocrites did so, they would certainly flee, then the disbelievers would be left with no help.

#### Cowardice of Both Groups

13. Indeed, there is more fear in their hearts for you ‘believers’ than for Allah. That is because they are a people who do not comprehend. 14. Even united, they would not ‘dare’ fight against you except ‘from’ within fortified strongholds or from behind walls. Their malice for each other is intense: you think they are united, yet their hearts are divided.

That is because they are a people with no 'real' understanding. 15. They are 'both just' like those who recently went down before them:<sup>1177</sup> they tasted the evil consequences of their doings. And they will suffer a painful punishment.

### *The Hypocrites Luring the Disbelievers*

16. 'They are' like Satan when he lures someone to disbelieve. Then after they have done so, he will say 'on Judgment Day', 'I have absolutely nothing to do with you. I truly fear Allah—the Lord of all worlds.'<sup>1178</sup> 17. So they will both end up in the Fire, staying there forever. That is the reward of the wrongdoers.

### *Judge Yourselfs Before Judgment Day*

18. O believers! Be mindful of Allah and let every soul look to what 'deeds' it has sent forth for tomorrow.<sup>1179</sup> And fear Allah, 'for' certainly Allah is All-Aware of what you do. 19. And do not be like those who forgot Allah, so He made them forget themselves. It is they who are 'truly' rebellious. 20. The residents of the Fire cannot be equal to the residents of Paradise. 'Only' the residents of Paradise will be successful.

### *Impact of the Quran*

21. Had We sent down this Quran upon a mountain, you would have certainly seen it humbled and torn apart in awe of Allah.

وَقُلُوبُهُمْ شَتَّىٰ ۖ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٦﴾  
 كَمَثَلِ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ قَرِيبًا ذَاقُوا وَبَالَ أَمْرِهِمْ ۖ  
 وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٧﴾ كَمَثَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِذْ قَالَ  
 لِلْإِنْسَانِ اكْفُرْ فَلَمَّا كَفَرَ قَالَ إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِّنكَ إِنِّي  
 أَخَافُ اللَّهَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٨﴾ فَكَانَ عَاقِبَتُهُمَا أَنَّهُمَا  
 فِي النَّارِ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۖ وَذَٰلِكَ جَزَاُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٩﴾  
 يَٰٓأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ  
 مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا  
 تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ نَسُوا اللَّهَ فَأَنسَاهُمْ  
 أَنفُسَهُمْ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ لَا يَسْتَوِي  
 أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ وَأَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ ۖ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ هُمُ  
 الْفَائِزُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾ لَوْ أَنزَلْنَا هَٰذَا الْقُرْآنَ عَلَىٰ جَبَلٍ  
 لَّرَأَيْتَهُ خَاشِعًا مُّتَصَدِّعًا مِّنْ خَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ ۖ

وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَالُ

مَنْزِلٌ

1177 This refers to the pagans of Mecca and the Jews of Banu Qainuqâ' who were defeated a few months earlier at the Battle of Badr.

1178 See 14:22.

1179 i.e., the Hereafter.

↑ We set forth such comparisons for people, "so" perhaps they may reflect.<sup>1180</sup>

### Allah's Beautiful Names

22. He is Allah—there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him: Knower of the seen and unseen. He is the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful. 23. He is Allah—there is no god except Him: the King, the Most Holy, the All-Perfect, the Source of Serenity, the Watcher 'of all', the Almighty, the Supreme in Might,<sup>1181</sup> the Majestic. Glorified is Allah far above what they associate with Him 'in worship'! 24. He is Allah: the Creator, the Inventor, the Shaper. He 'alone' has the Most Beautiful Names. Whatever is in the heavens and the earth 'constantly' glorifies Him. And He is the Almighty, All-Wise.



### 60. The Test of Faith (Al-Mumtahanah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### Allying with the Enemy

1. O believers! Do not take My enemies and yours as trusted allies, showing them affection even though they deny what has come to you of the truth. They drove the Messenger and yourselves out 'of Mecca',

وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَالُ نَضْرِبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ

يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾ هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ

عَلِمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ ۚ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٢٣﴾

هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ الْمَلِكُ الْقُدُّوسُ

السَّلَامُ الْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُهَيَّمِنُ الْعَزِيزُ الْجَبَّارُ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ ۚ

سُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾ هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَالِقُ

الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَى ۚ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَا

فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢٥﴾

سُورَةُ الْمُطَحِّنَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٩١) ﴿٦٠﴾ (أَيَّهَا ١٣) بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا عَدُوِّي وَعَدُوَكُمْ

أَوْلِيَاءَ تُلْقُونَ إِلَيْهِم بِالْمَوَدَّةِ وَقَدْ كَفَرُوا بِمَا

جَاءَكُمْ مِنَ الْحَقِّ ۚ يُخْرِجُونَ الرَّسُولَ وَإِيَّاكُمْ

أَنْ تَوَمِّنُوا

مَنْزِلَ

1180 Meaning, that the hearts of the disbelievers are harder than the mountains concerning the Quran.

1181 *Jabbār* comes from the root word *ja-ba-ra* which means to impose, support, or console. For example, *Jabīrah* means the cast that supports a broken bone. Hence, Allah is the One Whose Will cannot be resisted, and Who comforts those who are broken or oppressed.

simply for your belief in Allah, your Lord. If you 'truly' emigrated<sup>1182</sup> to struggle in My cause and seek My pleasure, 'then do not take them as allies,' disclosing secrets 'of the believers' to the pagans out of affection for them, when I know best whatever you conceal and whatever you reveal. And whoever of you does this has truly strayed from the Right Way. 2. If they gain the upper hand over you, they would be your 'open' enemies, unleashing their hands and tongues to harm you, and wishing that you would abandon faith. 3. Neither your relatives nor children will benefit you on Judgment Day—He will decide between you 'all'. For Allah is All-Seeing of what you do.

#### *The Example of Abraham and His Followers*

4. You already have an excellent example in Abraham and those with him, when they said to their people, "We totally dissociate ourselves from you and 'shun' whatever 'idols' you worship besides Allah. We reject you. The enmity and hatred that has arisen between us and you will last until you believe in Allah alone." The only exception is when Abraham said to his father, "I will seek forgiveness for you," adding,

أَنْ تُوْمِنُوا بِاللّٰهِ رَبِّكُمْ ۖ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ خَرَجْتُمْ جِهَادًا فِي سَبِيلِي وَابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِي تُسِرُّوْنَ إِلَيْهِمْ بِالْهُدُوَّةِ ۖ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ بِمَا أَخْفَيْتُمْ وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُمْ ۖ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْهُ مِنْكُمْ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ ۝١ إِنْ يَتَّقِفُوكُمْ يَكُونُوا لَكُمْ أَعْدَاءً وَيَبْسُطُوا إِلَيْكُمْ أَيْدِيَهُمْ وَأَلْسِنَتَهُم بِالسُّوءِ وَوَدُّوا لَوْ تَكْفُرُونَ ۝٢ لَنْ نَنْفَعَكُمْ أَرْحَامَكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادَكُمْ ۖ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ ۖ يَفْصِلُ بَيْنَكُمْ ۖ وَاللّٰهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ۝٣ قَدْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ ۖ إِذْ قَالُوا لِقَوْمِهِمْ إِنَّا بُرَءُؤُا مِنْكُمْ وَمِمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللّٰهِ ۖ كَفَرْنَا بِكُمْ وَبَدَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةُ وَالْبَغْضَاءُ أَبَدًا حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللّٰهِ وَحْدَهُ ۖ إِلَّا قَوْلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَبِيهِ لَا اسْتَغْفِرَنَّ لَكَ وَمَا

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1182 lit.. come out 'of Mecca'.

أَمْلِكُ لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۖ رَبَّنَا عَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْنَا  
 وَإِلَيْكَ أُنَبِّئُكَ الْبَصِيرُ ۝ رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا  
 فِتْنَةً لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَاعْفُ رَنَا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ  
 الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ۝ لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِيهِمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ  
 لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ ۖ وَمَن يَتَوَلَّ  
 فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ۝ عَسَى اللَّهُ أَن يَجْعَلَ  
 بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَ الَّذِينَ عَادَيْتُمْ مِنْهُمْ مَّوَدَّةً ۖ وَاللَّهُ  
 قَدِيرٌ ۖ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ۝ لَا يَنْهَى اللَّهُ عَنِ  
 الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَلَمْ يُخْرِجُوكُم  
 مِّن دِيَارِكُمْ أَن تَبَرُّوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ ۖ  
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ ۝ إِنَّمَا يَنْهَى اللَّهُ عَنِ  
 الَّذِينَ قَاتَلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَأَخْرَجُوكُم مِّن  
 دِيَارِكُمْ وَظَهَرُوا عَلَىٰ إِخْرَاجِكُمْ أَن تَوَلَّوهُمْ ۚ

"but" I cannot protect you from Allah at all." "The believers prayed," "Our Lord! In You we trust. And to You we 'always' turn. And to You is the final return. 5. Our Lord! Do not subject us to the persecution of the disbelievers. Forgive us, our Lord! You 'alone' are truly the Almighty, All-Wise." 6. You certainly have an excellent example in them for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day. But whoever turns away, then surely Allah 'alone' is the Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.

#### *Yesterday's Enemies, Tomorrow's Friends*

7. "In time," Allah may bring about goodwill between you and those of them you 'now' hold as enemies. For Allah is Most Capable. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### *Kindness to Non-Muslims*

8. Allah does not forbid you from dealing kindly and fairly with those who have neither fought nor driven you out of your homes. Surely Allah loves those who are fair. 9. Allah only forbids you from befriending those who have fought you for "your" faith, driven you out of your homes, or supported "others" in doing so.

And whoever takes them as friends, then it is they who are the 'true' wrongdoers.

#### Marriage of Female Emigrants

10. O believers! When the believing women come to you as emigrants,<sup>1183</sup> test their intentions—their faith is best known to Allah—and if you find them to be believers, then do not send them back to the disbelievers. These 'women' are not lawful 'wives' for the disbelievers, nor are the disbelievers lawful 'husbands' for them. 'But' repay the disbelievers whatever 'dowries' they had paid. And there is no blame on you if you marry these 'women' as long as you pay them their dowries. And do not hold on to marriage with polytheistic women.<sup>1184</sup> 'But' demand 'repayment of' whatever 'dowries' you had paid, and let the disbelievers do the same. That is the judgment of Allah—He judges between you. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

#### When Dowry Is Not Repaid to Muslims

11. And if any of your wives desert you to the disbelievers, and later you take spoils from them, then pay those whose wives have gone, the equivalent of whatever 'dowry' they had paid. And be mindful of Allah, in Whom you believe.

#### Women Pledge Allegiance

12. O Prophet! When the believing women come to you, pledging to you that they will neither associate

وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ٩ يَأَيُّهَا  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا جَاءَكُمْ الْمُؤْمِنَاتُ مُهَاجِرَاتٍ  
فَامْتَحِنُوهُنَّ ١٠ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِإِيمَانِهِنَّ ١١ فَإِنْ عَلِمْتُمُوهُنَّ  
مُؤْمِنَاتٍ فَلَا تَرْجِعُوهُنَّ إِلَى الْكُفَّارِ ١٢ لَا هُنَّ حِلٌّ  
لَهُمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحِلُّونَ لَهُنَّ ١٣ وَاتُّوهُنَّ مَّا أَنْفَقُوا ١٤  
وَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تَنْكِحُوهُنَّ إِذَا آتَيْتُمُوهُنَّ  
أُجُورَهُنَّ ١٥ وَلَا تُمْسِكُوا بِعَصَمِ الْكُوفَرِ وَسَأَلُوا  
مَّا أَنْفَقْتُمْ وَلَيْسَ لَكُمْ أَنْفَقُوا ١٦ ذَلِكُمْ حُكْمُ اللَّهِ ١٧  
يُحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ ١٨ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ١٩ وَإِنْ فَاتَكُمْ  
شَيْءٌ مِّنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ إِلَى الْكُفَّارِ فَعَاقِبْتُمْ فَاتُوا  
الَّذِينَ ذَهَبَتْ أَزْوَاجُهُمْ مِّثْلَ مَّا أَنْفَقُوا ٢٠ وَاتَّقُوا  
اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ بِهِ مُؤْمِنُونَ ٢١ يَأَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا  
جَاءَكَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتُ يُبَايِعْنَكَ عَلَى أَنْ لَا يُشْرِكْنَ  
بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا ٢٢ مَنَازِلُ ٢٣

1183 According to the Treaty of Hudaibiyah (see footnote for 48:1-3), Muslims who chose to move to Mecca would not be returned to Muslims in Medina, and Meccan pagans who accepted Islam and chose to move to Medina would be returned to Mecca (except for women).

1184 Those who moved to Mecca to marry pagans.



بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَسْرِقَنَّ وَلَا يَزْنِيَنَّ وَلَا يَقْتُلَنَّ  
 أَوْلَادَهُنَّ وَلَا يَأْتِيَنَّ بِبُهْتَانٍ يَفْتَرِينَهُ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِنَّ  
 وَأَرْجُلِهِنَّ وَلَا يَعْصِيَنَّكَ فِي مَعْرُوفٍ فَبَايِعْهُنَّ وَ  
 اسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُنَّ اللَّهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٢﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا  
 الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَوَلَّوْا قَوْمًا غَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ قَدْ يَدْسُوا  
 مِنَ الْآخِرَةِ كَمَا يَبِيسُ الْكُفَّارُ مِنَ أَصْحَابِ الْقُبُورِ ﴿١٣﴾

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا ١٣﴾ ﴿١١﴾ سُورَةُ الصَّفِّ كَاتِبَةً ﴿١٠٩﴾ ﴿كُتِبَتْ ٢﴾  
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
 سَبَّحَ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ  
 الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِمَ تَقُولُونَ مَا لَا  
 تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٢﴾ كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ تَقُولُوا مَا لَا  
 تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٣﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي  
 سَبِيلِهِ صَفًّا كَأَنَّهُمْ بُنْيَانٌ مَرْصُوصٌ ﴿٤﴾ وَإِذْ

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anything with Allah 'in worship', nor steal, nor fornicate, nor kill their children, nor falsely attribute 'illegitimate' children to their husbands,<sup>1185</sup> nor disobey you in what is right, then accept their pledge, and ask Allah to forgive them. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

#### Do Not Ally with the Enemy

13. O believers! Do not ally yourselves with a people Allah is displeased with. They already have no hope for the Hereafter, just like the disbelievers lying in 'their' graves.



#### 61. The 'Solid' Ranks (As-Saff)

In the Name of Allah—  
 the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Allah Is Glorified by All

1. Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth glorifies Allah. For He 'alone' is the Almighty, All-Wise.

#### Do What You Say<sup>1186</sup>

2. O believers! Why do you say what you do not do? 3. How despicable it is in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do! 4. Surely Allah loves those who fight in His cause in 'solid' ranks as if they were one concrete structure.

1185 lit., nor come up with a falsehood they have forged between their own hands and legs.

1186 Some companions desperately asked the Prophet (ﷺ) about the best deeds. When he told them that one of the best deeds is to fight in self-defence, they pledged to do so. But when the order came to fight the Meccan pagans, some either did not comply or fled in battles like Uhud.

*Moses and His People*

5. 'Remember, O Prophet,' when Moses said to his people, "O my people! Why do you hurt me when you already know I am Allah's messenger to you?" So when they 'persistently' deviated, Allah caused their hearts to deviate. For Allah does not guide the rebellious people.

*Jesus and the Israelites*

6. And 'remember' when Jesus, son of Mary, said, "O children of Israel! I am truly Allah's messenger to you, confirming the Torah which came before me, and giving good news of a messenger after me whose name will be Ahmad."<sup>1187</sup> Yet when the Prophet came to them with clear proofs, they said, "This is pure magic."

*Rejecting Islam*

7. Who does more wrong than the one who fabricates lies about Allah when invited to submit 'to Him'?<sup>1188</sup> For Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people. 8. They wish to extinguish Allah's light with their mouths, but Allah will 'certainly' perfect His light, even to the dismay of the disbelievers. 9. He is the One Who has sent His Messenger with 'true' guidance and the religion of truth, making it prevail over all others, even to the dismay of the polytheists.

قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَقَوْمٍ لِمَ تُوذُونَنِي وَقَدْ تَعْلَمُونَ  
أَنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ ۖ فَلَمَّا زَاغُوا أَزَاغَ اللَّهُ  
قُلُوبَهُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ۝ وَإِذْ  
قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَبْنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ  
اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ  
وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ ۖ  
فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ ۝ وَمَنْ  
أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ وَهُوَ يُدْعَىٰ  
إِلَى الْإِسْلَامِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ۝  
يُرِيدُونَ لِيُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ  
مُتِمِّمُ نُورِهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ ۝ هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ  
رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى  
الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ۝ يَٰٓأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ

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1187 Ahmad is another name for Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ). Both are derived from *ha-ma-da* which means 'praise.' Some Muslim scholars believe this verse refers to John 14:16, where Jesus says: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another *periklytos*, to be with you forever." *Periklytos* is a Greek word that means 'the praised one.' The name of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) appears several times in the Gospel of Barnabas, which is deemed apocryphal by Christian authorities.

1188 Submission to Allah means 'Islam' in Arabic.

اٰمَنُوْا هَلْ اَدْرٰكُمْ عَلٰى تِجَارَةٍ تُنْجِيْكُمْ مِّنْ عَذَابِ  
 الْيَمِّ ۝ تَوٰمِنُوْنَ بِاللهِ وَرَسُوْلِهِ وَتَجَاهِدُوْنَ  
 فِيْ سَبِيْلِ اللهِ بِاَمْوَالِكُمْ وَاَنْفُسِكُمْ ۚ ذٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ  
 لَّكُمْ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُوْنَ ۝ يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوْبَكُمْ  
 وَيُدْخِلْكُمْ جَنَّٰتٍ تَجْرٰى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْاَنْهٰرُ وَ  
 مَسٰكِنَ طَيِّبَةً ۚ فِيْ جَنَّٰتٍ عَدْنٍ ۚ ذٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ  
 الْعَظِيْمُ ۝ ۱٢ وَآخَرٰى تُحِبُّوْنَهَا ۚ نَصْرٌ مِّنْ اللهِ وَفَتْحٌ  
 قَرِيْبٌ ۚ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ ۝ ۱٣ يٰۤاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا  
 كُوْنُوْا اَنْصَارَ لِلّٰهِ كَمَا قَالَ عِيسٰى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ  
 لِلْحَوَارِيْنَ مَنْ اَنْصَارِيْٓ اِلَى اللّٰهِ ۚ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّوْنَ  
 نَحْنُ اَنْصَارُ اللّٰهِ فَاَمَنْتَ طٰٓئِفَةٌ مِّنْ بَنِي  
 اِسْرَءٰٓءِيْلَ وَكَفَرْتَ طٰٓئِفَةٌ ۚ فَاَيَّدْنَا الَّذِيْنَ  
 اٰمَنُوْا عَلٰى عَدُوِّهِمْ فَاَصْبَحُوْا ظٰهِرِيْنَ ۝ ۱٤

## A Profitable Bargain

10. O believers! Shall I guide you to an exchange that will save you from a painful punishment? 11. 'It is to' have faith in Allah and His Messenger, and strive in the cause of Allah with your wealth and your lives. That is best for you, if only you knew. 12. He will forgive your sins, and admit you into Gardens under which rivers flow, and 'house you in' splendid homes in the Gardens of Eternity. That is the ultimate triumph. 13. 'He will also give you' another favour that you long for: help from Allah and an imminent victory. 'So' give good news 'O Prophet' to the believers.

## Jesus and the Disciples

14. O believers! Stand up for Allah, as Jesus, son of Mary, asked the disciples, "Who will stand up with me for Allah?" The disciples replied, "We will stand up for Allah." Then a group from the Children of Israel believed while another disbelieved. We then supported the believers against their enemies, so they prevailed.



62. Friday Congregation  
(Al-Jumu'ah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Allah's Favour to the Believers*

1. Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth 'constantly' glorifies Allah—the King, the Most Holy, the Almighty, the All-Wise. 2. He is the One Who raised for the illiterate 'people' a messenger from among themselves—reciting to them His revelations, purifying them, and teaching them the Book and wisdom, for indeed they had previously been clearly astray— 3. along with others of them who have not yet joined them 'in faith'. For He is the Almighty, All-Wise. 4. This is the favour of Allah. He grants it to whoever He wills. And Allah is the Lord of infinite bounty.

*Unutilized Knowledge<sup>1189</sup>*

5. The example of those who were entrusted with 'observing' the Torah but failed to do so, is that of a donkey carrying books.<sup>1190</sup> How evil is the example of those who reject Allah's signs! For Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people.

*Challenge to the Israelites*

6. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O Jews! If you claim to be Allah's chosen 'people' out

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يُسَبِّحُ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ الْمَلِكِ  
الْقُدُّوسِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ ① هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي  
الْأُمَمِينَ رَسُولًا مِمَّنْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ  
وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ  
لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ② وَآخَرِينَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ ۚ  
وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ③ ذَلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ  
مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ④ مَثَلُ  
الَّذِينَ حُمِلُوا التَّوْرَةُ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَحْمِلُوهَا كَمَثَلِ  
الْجَمَارِ يَحْمِلُ أَثْقَارًا بِئْسَ مَثَلُ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ  
كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ⑤  
قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ هَادُوا إِنْ زَعَمْتُمْ أَنَكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ  
لِلَّهِ مِنْ دُونِ

مَنْزِلٌ

1189 Some Jews used to boast that they were Allah's most beloved and that they had been favoured with the Torah and the Sabbath, so the three following passages came in response:

- What is the benefit of the Torah if it is not followed properly (62:5)?
- If you are truly Allah's favourite servants then you should wish to meet Him (62:-6-8).
- Muslims have been blessed with Friday, equivalent to the Sabbath (62:9-10).

1190 Meaning, they can carry the physical burden of the books, but not understand a word of them.

لِلَّهِ مِنْ دُونِ النَّاسِ فَتَمَنَّوُا الْمَوْتَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
 صَادِقِينَ ﴿٦﴾ وَلَا يَمْتَوْنَهُ أَبَدًا إِنَّمَا قَدَّمَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ  
 وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٧﴾ قُلْ إِنْ الْمَوْتَ الَّذِي  
 تَفِرُّونَ مِنْهُ فَإِنَّهُ مُلْقِيكُمْ ثُمَّ تُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ عِلْمِ  
 الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨﴾  
 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ  
 الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ  
 ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩﴾ فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ  
 الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِ  
 اللَّهِ وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠﴾ وَإِذَا  
 رَأَوْا تِجَارَةً أَوْ لَهْوًا ۖ انفَضُّوا إِلَيْهَا وَتَرَكُوكَ  
 قَائِمًا ۖ قُلْ مَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ مِنَ اللَّهْوِ وَمَنْ  
 التَّجَارَةِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الرَّزُقِينَ ﴿١١﴾

of all humanity, then wish for death, if what you say is true.” 7. But they will never wish for that because of what their hands have done.<sup>1191</sup> And Allah has ‘perfect’ knowledge of the wrongdoers. 8. Say, “The death you are running away from will inevitably come to you. Then you will be returned to the Knower of the seen and unseen, and He will inform you of what you used to do.”

#### Attending Friday Congregation

9. O believers! When the call to prayer is made on Friday, then proceed ‘diligently’ to the remembrance of Allah and leave off ‘your’ business. That is best for you, if only you knew. 10. Once the prayer is over, disperse throughout the land and seek the bounty of Allah. And remember Allah often so you may be successful.

#### Leaving the Sermon

11. When they saw the fanfare along with the caravan, they ‘almost all’ flocked to it, leaving you ‘O Prophet’ standing ‘on the pulpit’. Say, “What is with Allah is far better than amusement and merchandise. And Allah is the Best Provider.”<sup>1192</sup>



1191 i.e., disobeying Allah, killing some of the prophets (including Zachariah and John the Baptist), claiming to have killed Jesus, accusing Mary of adultery, and dealing with usury. See 4:153-158.

1192 Initially, the Friday congregational prayer was performed first, followed by the sermon. On one occasion, a caravan of food arrived in Medina during a time of hardship while the Prophet (ﷺ) was on the pulpit. Following ancient traditions, the caravan was received with drum-beats. Most congregants rushed to receive the caravan, leaving the Prophet (ﷺ) in the middle of the sermon. Henceforth, the sermon was given first so everyone would stay for the prayer.



سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ أَسْتَغْفَرْتَ لَهُمْ أَمْ لَمْ تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ  
 لَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ  
 الْفَاسِقِينَ ٦ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ لَا تُنْفِقُوا عَلَى مَنْ  
 عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ حَتَّى يَنْفَضُّوا وَلِلَّهِ خَزَائِنُ السَّمَوَاتِ  
 وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُنْفِقِينَ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ٧  
 يَقُولُونَ لِنِ رَجَعْنَا إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ لَيُخْرِجَنَّ  
 الْأَعَزُّ مِنْهَا الْأَذَلَّ وَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِلَّهِ  
 الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُنْفِقِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ٨  
 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا  
 أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ  
 هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ٩ وَأَنْفِقُوا مِنْ مَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِّنْ  
 قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ فَيَقُولَ رَبِّ لَوْلَا  
 أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ لَّا فَاصِدَّقَ وَأَكُن مِّنَ

6. It is the same whether you pray for their forgiveness or not, Allah will not forgive them. Surely Allah does not guide the rebellious people.

#### *Hypocrites' Contempt for the Believers*

7. They are the ones who say "to one another", "Do not spend anything" on those "emigrants" with the Messenger of Allah so that they will break away from him." But to Allah alone belong the treasures of the heavens and the earth, yet the hypocrites do not comprehend. 8. They say, "If we return to Medina, the honourable will definitely expel the inferior." But all honour and power belongs to Allah, His Messenger, and the believers, yet the hypocrites do not know.

#### *Be Faithful and Charitable*

9. O believers! Do not let your wealth or your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah. For whoever does so, it is they who are the "true" losers. 10. And donate from what We have provided for you before death comes to one of you, and you cry, "My Lord! If only You delayed me for a short while, I would give in charity and

be one of the righteous.” 11. But Allah never delays a soul when its appointed time comes. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do.



#### 64. Mutual Loss and Gain (At-Taghâbun)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Allah's Infinite Power and Knowledge*

1. Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth 'constantly' glorifies Allah. The kingdom is His, and all praise is for Him. For He is Most Capable of everything.  
2. He is the One Who created you, yet some of you are disbelievers while some are believers. And Allah is All-Seeing of what you do.  
3. He created the heavens and the earth for a purpose. He shaped you 'in the womb', perfecting your form. And to Him is the final return. 4. He knows whatever is in the heavens and the earth. And He knows whatever you conceal and whatever you reveal. For Allah knows best what is 'hidden' in the heart.

#### *Earlier Deniers*

5. Have the stories of those who disbelieved before not reached you 'pagans'? They tasted the evil consequences of their doings, and they will suffer a

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الصَّالِحِينَ ۝ وَلَنْ يُؤَخِّرَ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِذَا جَاءَ  
أَجَلُهَا ۚ وَاللَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ۝

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
(٢٢٢) سُورَةُ التَّغَابُنِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (١٠٨) نُوحًا ٢

يُسَبِّحُ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ لَهُ  
الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ ۚ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝  
هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ فَمِنْكُمْ كَافِرٌ وَمِنْكُمْ مُؤْمِنٌ ۚ  
وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ۝ خَلَقَ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
بِالْحَقِّ وَصَوَّرَكُمْ فَأَحْسَنَ صُورَكُمْ ۚ  
وَالِيَهُ الْمَصِيرُ ۝ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تُسْرَوْنَ وَمَا تُعْلِنُونَ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ  
بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ۝ أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ نَبُؤُا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
مِنْ قَبْلُ ۚ فَذَاقُوا وَبَالَ أَمْرِهِمْ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ

الْإِيمِ

مَنْزِلٌ



↑ painful punishment. 6. That was because their messengers used to come to them with clear proofs, but they said 'mockingly', "How can humans be our guides?" So they disbelieved and turned away. And Allah was not in need 'of their faith'. For Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy.

#### *A Message to Present Deniers*

7. The disbelievers claim they will not be resurrected. Say, 'O Prophet,' "Yes, by my Lord, you will surely be resurrected, then you will certainly be informed of what you have done. And that is easy for Allah." 8. So believe in Allah and His Messenger and in the Light<sup>1194</sup> We have revealed. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do. 9. 'Consider' the Day He will gather you 'all' for the Day of Gathering—that will be the Day of mutual loss and gain. So whoever believes in Allah and does good, He will absolve them of their sins and admit them into Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there for ever and ever. That is the ultimate triumph. 10. As for those who disbelieve and reject Our signs, they will be the residents of the Fire, staying there forever. What an evil destination!

#### *Reassuring the Believers*

11. No calamity befalls 'anyone' except

الْيَوْمَ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُ كَانَتْ تَأْتِيهِمْ رُسُلُهُمْ  
بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَقَالُوا أَبَشَرٌ يَهْدُونَنَا فَكَفَرُوا  
وَتَوَلَّوْا ۚ وَاسْتَغْنَى اللَّهُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ غَنِيٌّ حَمِيدٌ ۖ زَعَمَ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَن لَّنْ يُبْعَثُوا ۖ قُلْ بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّي  
لَتُبْعَثُنَّ ثُمَّ لَتُنَبَّؤُنَّ بِمَا عَمِلْتُمْ ۖ وَذَٰلِكَ عَلَى  
اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ۚ فَاْمُنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالنُّورِ الَّذِي  
أَنْزَلْنَا ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ۚ يَوْمَ يُجْمَعُكُمْ  
لِيَوْمِ الْجَمْعِ ذَٰلِكَ يَوْمُ التَّغَابُنِ ۖ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنْ  
بِاللَّهِ وَيَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا يُكَفِّرْ عَنْهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِ  
وَيُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ  
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۖ ذَٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ۚ وَ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ  
النَّارِ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۖ وَبِئْسَ الْبَصِيرُ ۚ مَا أَصَابَ

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by Allah's Will. And whoever has faith in Allah, He will 'rightly' guide their hearts 'through adversity'. And Allah has 'perfect' knowledge of all things. 12. Obey Allah and obey the Messenger! But if you turn away, then Our Messenger's duty is only to deliver 'the message' clearly. 13. Allah—there is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him. So in Allah let the believers put their trust.

#### *The Test of Family and Wealth*

14. O believers! Indeed, some of your spouses and children are enemies to you,<sup>1195</sup> so beware of them. But if you pardon, overlook, and forgive 'their faults', then Allah is truly All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 15. Your wealth and children are only a test, but Allah 'alone' has a great reward. 16. So be mindful of Allah to the best of your ability, hear and obey, and spend in charity—that will be best for you. And whoever is saved from the selfishness of their own souls, it is they who are 'truly' successful. 17. If you lend to Allah a good loan, He will multiply it for you and forgive you.

مَنْ مَّصِيبَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ  
يَهْدِ اللَّهُ قَلْبَهُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ۝۱۱ وَأَطِيعُوا  
اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ ۚ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ فَإِنَّمَا  
عَلَى رَسُولِنَا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ ۝۱۲ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ  
وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ۝۱۳ يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا إِنَّ مِنْ أَرْوَاحِكُمْ وَأَوْلَادِكُمْ عَدُوًّا لَكُمْ  
فَاحْذَرُوهُمْ ۚ وَإِنْ تَعَفَوْا وَتَصَفَحُوا وَتَغْفِرُوا  
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ۝۱۴ إِنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَ  
أَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ۝۱۵  
فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ وَأَسْمِعُوا وَأَطِيعُوا  
وَأَنْفِقُوا خَيْرًا لِّأَنْفُسِكُمْ ۖ وَمَنْ يُوقِ شُحَّ  
نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ۝۱۶ إِنْ تَقْرَضُوا  
اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا يُّضْعِفْهُ لَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ۖ

وَاللَّهُ شَكُورٌ

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1195 This verse was revealed when some early Muslims were prevented from emigrating to Medina by their own spouses and children, so they could not join the Prophet (ﷺ) and the rest of the believers to practice their faith freely.

وَاللَّهُ شَكُورٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿١٧﴾ عِلْمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ

الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٨﴾

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا ١٢﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الطَّلَاقِ وَمَا نَبِيٌّ (٩٩)﴾ ﴿كُتِبَ عَلَيْهَا ٢﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا طَلَّقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَطَلِّقُوهُنَّ

لِعَدَّتِهِنَّ وَأَحْصُوا الْعِدَّةَ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ رَبَّكُمْ ۚ

لَا تَخْرِجُوهُنَّ مِنْ بُيُوتِهِنَّ وَلَا يَخْرُجْنَ

إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْتِيَنَّ بِفَاحِشَةٍ مُّبَيِّنَةٍ ۚ وَتِلْكَ

حُدُودُ اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ

ظَلَمَ نَفْسَهُ ۚ لَا تَدْرِي لَعَلَّ اللَّهَ يُحْدِثُ

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ أَمْرًا ۚ فَإِذَا بَلَغْنَ أَجَلَهُنَّ

فَامْسِكُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ فَارِقُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ

وَأَشْهِدُوا ذَوَى عَدْلٍ مِّنْكُمْ وَأَقِيمُوا

الشَّهَادَةَ لِلَّهِ

مَنْزِلَءَ

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↑ For Allah is Most Appreciative, Most Forbearing. 18. 'He is the' Knower of the seen and unseen—the Almighty, All-Wise.

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### 65. Divorce (At-Talâq)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Proper Divorce

1. O Prophet! 'Instruct the believers:' When you 'intend to' divorce women, then divorce them with concern for their waiting period,<sup>1196</sup> and count it accurately. And fear Allah, your Lord.

#### Divorced Women During the Waiting Period

Do not force them out of their homes, nor should they leave—unless they commit a blatant misconduct. These are the limits set by Allah. And whoever transgresses Allah's limits has truly wronged his own soul. You never know, perhaps Allah will bring about a change 'of heart' later.<sup>1197</sup>

#### Divorced Women After the Waiting Period

2. Then when they have 'almost' reached the end of their waiting period, either retain them honourably or separate from them honourably.<sup>1198</sup>

<sup>1196</sup> Meaning, when a husband intends to divorce his wife—after the consummation of marriage—he should divorce her outside her monthly cycle, provided that he has not touched her after her period. This makes it easy for the wife to observe her 'iddah (waiting period for around three months, see 65:4). Otherwise, things will be complicated for her. For example, if divorce happens after sexual intercourse, she might get pregnant, which delays the end of 'iddah until the end of her pregnancy. If divorce happens during a monthly cycle, scholars are in disagreement as to whether the divorce counts or not. If it does not, she has to wait until her menstruation is over to see if her husband still wants to divorce her.

<sup>1197</sup> Perhaps the husband who has divorced his wife may change his mind and restore the marriage before the end of her waiting period (after the first or second count of divorce).

<sup>1198</sup> A husband may separate from his wife after each of the first two counts of divorce or at the end of her waiting period with dignity. If he chooses to stay with her after the first two counts of divorce then divorces her a third time, the marriage is terminated at the end of her third waiting period. The wife will have to marry and divorce another man before she can be remarried to her ex-husband (see 2:230). However, a woman marrying someone with the intention of getting divorced, in order to return to her first husband, is forbidden.

And call two of your reliable men to witness 'either way'—and 'let the witnesses' bear true testimony for 'the sake of' Allah. This is enjoined on whoever has faith in Allah and the Last Day. And whoever is mindful of Allah, He will make a way out for them, 3. and provide for them from sources they could never imagine. And whoever puts their trust in Allah, then He 'alone' is sufficient for them. Certainly Allah achieves His Will. Allah has already set a destiny for everything.

#### *Waiting Periods for Divorced Women*

4. As for your women past the age of menstruation, in case you do not know, their waiting period is three months, and those who have not menstruated as well. As for those who are pregnant, their waiting period ends with delivery.<sup>1199</sup> And whoever is mindful of Allah, He will make their matters easy for them. 5. This is the commandment of Allah, which He has revealed to you. And whoever is mindful of Allah, He will absolve them of their sins and reward them immensely.

#### *Housing for Divorced Women*

6. Let them live where you live 'during their waiting period', according to your means. And do not harass them to make their stay unbearable.

الشَّهَادَةَ لِلَّهِ ۖ ذَٰلِكُمْ يُوعَظُ بِهِ مَن كَانَ  
يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرَةِ ۚ وَمَن يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ  
يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا ۖ وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِن حَيْثُ لَا  
يَحْتَسِبُ ۚ وَمَن يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ ۚ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَالِغُ أَمْرِهِ ۖ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدْرًا ۖ ۝ وَالَّذِي يُسِّنْ مِنَ الْحَيْضِ مِن  
نِّسَائِكُمْ إِنِ ارْتَبْتُمْ فَعِدَّتُهُنَّ ثَلَاثَةُ أَشْهُرٍ  
وَالَّذِي لَمْ يَحْضَنْ ۖ وَأُولَاتُ الْأَحْمَالِ أَجَلُهُنَّ  
أَن يَضَعْنَ حَمْلَهُنَّ ۚ وَمَن يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ  
مِن أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا ۖ ۝ ذَٰلِكَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ أَنزَلَهُ  
إِلَيْكُمْ ۚ وَمَن يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَكْفِرْ عَنْهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِ  
وَيُعْظِمَ لَهُ أَجْرًا ۖ ۝ أَسْكِنُوهُنَّ مِمَّنْ حَيْثُ  
سَكَنْتُمْ مِّنْ وَّجَدِكُمْ وَلَا تَضَارُّوهُنَّ لِيُتَضَيَّقُوا

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<sup>1199</sup> This applies to pregnant women who are divorced or widowed.

عَلَيْهِنَّ ۖ وَإِنْ كُنَّ أُولَاتٍ حَمِلْنَ ۖ فَلْيُفِقُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ  
 حَتَّى يَضَعْنَ حَمْلَهُنَّ ۚ فَإِنْ أَرْضَعْنَ لَكُمْ فَاتَوْهُنَّ  
 أَجُورَهُنَّ ۚ وَاتِمِّرُوا بَيْنَكُمْ بِمَعْرُوفٍ ۚ وَإِنْ  
 تَعَاَسَرْتُمْ فَسَرِّضْ لَهَا أُخْرَى ۖ لِيُنْفِقَ ذُو سَعَةٍ  
 مِّنْ سَعَتِهِ ۗ وَمَنْ قُدِرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ فَلْيُنْفِقْ مِمَّا  
 آتَاهُ اللَّهُ ۚ لَا يَكْفِ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا مَا آتَاهَا ۚ سَيَجْعَلُ  
 اللَّهُ بَعْدَ عُسْرٍ يُسْرًا ۚ وَكَأَيِّنْ مِّنْ قَرْيَةٍ  
 عَتَتْ عَنَ أَمْرِ رَبِّهَا وَرُسُلِهِ ۖ فَحَاسِبُنَهَا حِسَابًا  
 شَدِيدًا ۖ وَعَذَّبْنَاهَا عَذَابًا نُّكَرًا ۖ فَذَاقَتْ  
 وَبَالَ أَمْرِهَا ۚ وَكَانَ عَاقِبَةُ أَمْرِهَا خُسْرًا ۖ  
 أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا ۖ فَاتَّقُوا  
 اللَّهَ يَا أُولِيَ الْأَلْبَابِ ۖ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ۖ قَدْ  
 أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكُمْ ذِكْرًا ۖ رَّسُولًا يَتْلُوا

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If they are pregnant, then maintain them until they deliver. And if they nurse your child,<sup>1200</sup> compensate them, and consult together courteously. But if you fail to reach an agreement, then another woman will nurse 'the child' for the father. 7. Let the man of wealth provide according to his means. As for the one with limited resources, let him provide according to whatever Allah has given him. Allah does not require of any soul beyond what He has given it. After hardship, Allah will bring about ease.

#### An Invitation to True Faith

8. 'Imagine' how many societies rebelled against the commandments of their Lord and His messengers, so We called each 'society' to a severe account and subjected them to a horrible punishment. 9. So they tasted the evil consequences of their doings, and the outcome of their doings was 'total' loss. 10. Allah has 'also' prepared for them a severe punishment. So fear Allah, O people of reason and faith. Allah has indeed revealed to you a Reminder,<sup>1201</sup> 11. 'and sent' a messenger

1200 After the divorce is finalized.

1201 This is one of the names of the Quran.

reciting to you Allah's revelations, making things clear so that He may bring those who believe and do good out of darkness and into light. And whoever believes in Allah and does good will be admitted by Him into Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there for ever and ever. Allah will have indeed granted them an excellent provision.

*Allah's Infinite Power and Knowledge*

12. Allah is the One Who created seven heavens 'in layers', and likewise for the earth. The 'divine' command descends between them so you may know that Allah is Most Capable of everything and that Allah certainly encompasses all things in 'His' knowledge.



*66. The Prohibition (At-Tahrîm)*

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*A Lesson to the Prophet's Wives*

1. O Prophet! Why do you prohibit 'yourself' from what Allah has made lawful to you, seeking to please your wives?

عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ مُبَيِّنَاتٍ لِّيُخْرِجَ الَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ  
إِلَى النُّورِ ۚ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ وَيَعْمَلْ  
صَالِحًا يَدْخُلْهُ جَنَّتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا  
الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۖ قَدْ أَحْسَنَ  
اللَّهُ لَهُ رِزْقًا ۝ ١١ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ  
سَمُوتٍ ۚ وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ ۚ يَتَنَزَّلُ  
الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ  
شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۚ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ  
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آيَاتُهَا ١٢ سُوْرَةُ التَّحْرِيمِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (١٠٤) رُكُوْعَاتُهَا ٢  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ لِمَ تُحَرِّمُ مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ لَكَ ۚ

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And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. 2. Allah has already ordained for you 'believers' the way to absolve yourselves from your oaths.<sup>1202</sup> For Allah is your Guardian. And He is the All-Knowing, All-Wise. 3. 'Remember' when the Prophet had 'once' confided something to one of his wives, then when she disclosed it 'to another wife' and Allah made it known to him, he presented 'to her' part of what was disclosed and overlooked a part. So when he informed her of it, she exclaimed, "Who told you this?" He replied, "I was informed by the All-Knowing, All-Aware." 4. 'It will be better' if you 'wives' both turn to Allah in repentance, for your hearts have certainly faltered. But if you 'continue to' collaborate against him, then 'know that' Allah Himself is his Guardian. And Gabriel, the righteous believers, and the angels are 'all' his supporters as well. 5. Perhaps, if he were to divorce you 'all', his Lord would replace you with better wives who are submissive 'to Allah', faithful 'to Him', devout, repentant, dedicated to worship and fasting—

تَبْتَغِي مَرْضَاتِ أَرْوَاجِكَ ط وَ اللَّهُ غَفُورٌ  
رَحِيمٌ ① قَدْ فَرَضَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ تَحِلَّةَ أَيْمَانِكُمْ ؕ  
وَاللَّهُ مَوْلَاكُمْ ؕ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ②  
وَإِذْ أَسَرَّ النَّبِيُّ إِلَى بَعْضِ أَرْوَاجِهِ حَدِيثًا  
فَلَمَّا نَبَّأَتْ بِهِ وَأَظْهَرَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَرَفَ  
بَعْضَهُ وَأَعْرَضَ عَنْ بَعْضٍ ۖ فَلَمَّا نَبَّأَهَا بِهِ  
قَالَتْ مَنْ أَنْبَاكَ هَذَا ط قَالَ نَبَّأَنِيَ الْعَلِيمُ  
الْخَبِيرُ ③ إِنْ تَتُوبَا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ صَغَتْ  
قُلُوبُكُمَا ۖ وَإِنْ تَظَاهَرَا عَلَيْهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ مَوْلَاهُ  
وَجِبْرِيلُ وَصَالِحُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ  
بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهِيرٌ ④ عَلَى رَبِّكَ إِنْ طَلَقْتِ  
أَنْ يَبْدُلَكَ أَرْوَاجًا خَيْرًا مِنْكَ مُسْلِمَاتٍ  
مُؤْمِنَاتٍ قُنُوتَاتٍ حُدُودَاتٍ سَابِقَاتٍ

شَبَّابَاتٍ

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previously married or virgins.

*Warning of Judgment Day*

6. O believers! Protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, overseen by formidable and severe angels, who never disobey whatever Allah orders—always doing as commanded. 7. "The deniers will then be told," "O disbelievers! Make no excuses this Day! You are only rewarded for what you used to do."

*Reward of Sincere Repentance*

8. O believers! Turn to Allah in sincere repentance, so your Lord may absolve you of your sins and admit you into Gardens, under which rivers flow, on the Day Allah will not disgrace the Prophet or the believers with him. Their light will shine ahead of them and on their right, 'and' they will say, "Our Lord! Perfect our light for us, and forgive us. 'For' You are truly Most Capable of everything."

ثَيِّبَتْ وَ أَبْكَارًا ۝ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ  
وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَظٌ شِدَادٌ  
لَّا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا  
يُؤْمَرُونَ ۝ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَعْتَذِرُوا  
الْيَوْمَ إِنَّمَا تَجْزُونَ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ۝  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً  
نَصُوحًا ۖ عَلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ أَنْ يَكْفِرَ عَنْكُمْ  
سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَ يُدْخِلَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ  
تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۖ يَوْمَ لَا يُخْزِي اللَّهُ النَّبِيَّ  
وَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ ۖ نُورُهُمْ يَسْعَىٰ بَيْنَ  
أَيْدِيهِمْ وَ بَآئِمَانِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَتِمِّمْ لَنَا  
نُورَنَا وَ اغْفِرْ لَنَا ۖ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝



يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ جَاهِدِ الْكُفَّارَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ  
وَأَغْلُظْ عَلَيْهِمْ ۚ وَمَا لَهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ وَبِئْسَ  
الْمَصِيرُ ۙ ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا امْرَأَتَ  
نُوحَ وَامْرَأَتَ لُوطَ ۚ كَانَتَا تَحْتَ عَبْدَيْنِ مِنْ  
عِبَادِنَا صَالِحَيْنِ فَخَانَتُهُمَا فَلَمْ يُغْنِيَا  
عَنْهُمَا مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَقِيلَ ادْخُلَا النَّارَ  
مَعَ الدَّٰخِلِينَ ۙ وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ  
آمَنُوا امْرَأَتَ فِرْعَوْنَ إِذْ قَالَتْ رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي  
عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنْ فِرْعَوْنَ  
وَعَمَلِهِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ۙ  
وَمَرْيَمَ ابْنَتَ عِمْرَانَ الَّتِي أَحْصَدَتْ فَرجَهَا  
فَنَفَخْنَا فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِنَا وَصَدَّقَتْ بِكَلِمَاتِ  
رَبِّهَا وَكُتِبَ عَلَيْهَا مِنَ الْقَنَاتِ ۙ

### Responding to Evildoers

9. O Prophet! Struggle against the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and be firm with them. Hell will be their home. What an evil destination!

### Two Examples for the Disbelievers

10. Allah sets forth an example for the disbelievers: the wife of Noah and the wife of Lot. Each was married to one of Our righteous servants, yet betrayed them.<sup>1203</sup> So their husbands were of no benefit to them against Allah whatsoever. Both were told, "Enter the Fire, along with the others!"

### Two Examples for the Believers

11. And Allah sets forth an example for the believers: the wife of Pharaoh, who prayed, "My Lord! Build me a house in Paradise near You, deliver me from Pharaoh and his 'evil' doing, and save me from the wrongdoing people." 12. 'There is' also 'the example of' Mary, the daughter of 'Imrân, who guarded her chastity, so We breathed into her 'womb' through Our angel 'Gabriel'.<sup>1204</sup> She testified to the words of her Lord and His Scriptures, and was one of the 'sincerely' devout.



1203 Both wives were disbelievers. Noah's wife used to give away the identity of the new believers so the disbelievers could persecute them. And Lot's wife used to tell the men about her husband's handsome male visitors so they could approach them.

1204 Gabriel breathed into the sleeves of Mary's garment so she conceived Jesus.

## 67. All Authority (Al-Mulk)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Life Is a Test*

1. Blessed is the One in Whose Hands rests all authority. And He is Most Capable of everything. 2. 'He is the One' Who created life and death in order to test which of you is best in deeds. And He is the Almighty, All-Forgiving.

*Allah's Perfect Creation*

3. 'He is the One' Who created seven heavens, one above the other. You will never see any imperfection in the creation of the Most Compassionate.<sup>1205</sup> So look again: do you see any flaws? 4. Then look again and again—your sight will return frustrated and weary. 5. And indeed, We adorned the lowest heaven with 'stars like' lamps, and made them 'as missiles' for stoning 'eavesdropping' devils, for whom We have also prepared the torment of the Blaze.<sup>1206</sup>

*Reward of the Disbelievers*

6. Those who disbelieve in their Lord will suffer the punishment of Hell. What an evil destination! 7. When they are tossed into it, they will hear its roaring as it boils over, 8. almost bursting in fury.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرٌ ۝ ١ ۝ الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ  
أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا ۖ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْعَفُورُ ۝ ٢ ۝ الَّذِي  
خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا ۚ مَا تَرَىٰ فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ  
مِنَ تَفَوُتٍ ۖ فَأَرْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ ۚ هَلْ تَرَىٰ مِنْ فُطُورٍ ۝ ٣ ۝  
ثُمَّ ارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ كَرَّتَيْنِ يَنْقَلِبْ إِلَيْكَ الْبَصَرُ  
خَاسِئًا وَهُوَ حَسِيرٌ ۝ ٤ ۝ وَلَقَدْ زَيَّنَّا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْيَا  
بِمَصَابِيحٍ وَجَعَلْنَاهَا رُجُومًا لِلشَّيَاطِينِ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ  
عَذَابَ السَّعِيرِ ۝ ٥ ۝ وَلِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ عَذَابُ  
جَهَنَّمَ ۖ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ۝ ٦ ۝ إِذَا أُلْقُوا فِيهَا سَمِعُوا  
لَهَا شَهيقًا وَهِيَ تَفُورٌ ۝ ٧ ۝ تَكَادُ تَمَيَّزُ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ ۖ

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1205 Some may point to birth defects, genetic mutations, etc. and say these are flaws. This verse means that, in the grand scheme of creation, everything created has its place, form, and purpose, and that it does exactly what Allah ordained for it.

1206 See 72:8-10.

كَلْبًا أَلْقَى فِيهَا فَوْجٌ سَأَلَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ  
 نَذِيرٌ ۝<sup>٨</sup> قَالُوا بَلَىٰ قَدْ جَاءَنَا نَذِيرُهُ فَكَذَّبْنَا  
 وَقُلْنَا مَا نَزَّلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ؎ إِنَّا أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا فِي  
 ضَلَالٍ كَبِيرٍ ۝<sup>٩</sup> وَقَالُوا لَوْ كُنَّا نَسْمَعُ أَوْ نَعْقِلُ مَا  
 كُنَّا فِي أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ۝<sup>١٠</sup> فَأَعْتَرَفُوا بِذُنُوبِهِمْ ؎  
 فَسُحْقًا لِأَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ۝<sup>١١</sup> إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ  
 رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَيْبِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ ۝<sup>١٢</sup> وَأَسْرُوا  
 قَوْلَكُمْ أَوِ اجْهَرُوا بِهِ ؎ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ۝<sup>١٣</sup>  
 أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ ؎ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ ۝<sup>١٤</sup> هُوَ  
 الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ ذُلُولًا فَامْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا  
 وَكُلُوا مِنْ رِزْقِهِ ؎ وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ ۝<sup>١٥</sup> أَمْ أَنْتُمْ مَنْ  
 فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يَخْسِفَ بِكُمُ الْأَرْضَ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَمُورُ ۝<sup>١٦</sup>  
 أَمْ أَنْتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ

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Every time a group is cast into it, its keepers will ask them, “Did a warner not come to you?” 9. They will reply, “Yes, a warner did come to us, but we denied and said, ‘Allah has revealed nothing. You are extremely astray.’” 10. And they will lament, “If only we had listened and reasoned, we would not be among the residents of the Blaze!” 11. And so they will confess their sins. So away with the residents of the Blaze!

#### Reward of the Believers

12. Indeed, those in awe of their Lord without seeing Him<sup>1207</sup> will have forgiveness and a mighty reward.

#### Question 1) Does Allah Not Know His Creation?

13. Whether you speak secretly or openly—He surely knows best what is ‘hidden’ in the heart. 14. How could He not know His Own creation? For He ‘alone’ is the Most Subtle, All-Aware. 15. He is the One Who smoothed out the earth for you, so move about in its regions and eat from His provisions. And to Him is the resurrection of all’.

#### Question 2) Are You out of Allah’s Reach?

16. Do you feel secure that the One Who is in heaven will not cause the earth to swallow you up as it quakes violently? 17. Or do you feel secure that

the One Who is in heaven will not unleash upon you a storm of stones.

<sup>1207</sup> This can also mean that they are in awe of their Lord as much in private as they are in public.

Only then would you know how 'serious' My warning was! 18. And certainly those before them denied 'as well', then how severe was My response!

**Question 3) Do You Not See Allah's Power?**

19. Have they not seen the birds, above them, spreading and folding their wings? None holds them up except the Most Compassionate. Indeed, He is All-Seeing of everything. 20. Also, which 'powerless' force will come to your help instead of the Most Compassionate? Indeed, the disbelievers are only 'lost' in delusion. 21. Or who is it that will provide for you if He withholds His provision? In fact, they persist in arrogance and aversion 'to the truth'.

**Question 4) Are Believers and Disbelievers Equal?**

22. Who is 'rightly' guided: the one who crawls facedown or the one who walks upright on the Straight Path?

**Question 5) Who Created You?**

23. Say, 'O Prophet,' "He is the One Who brought you into being and gave you hearing, sight, and intellect. 'Yet' you hardly give any thanks." 24. 'Also' say, "He is the One Who has dispersed you 'all' over the earth, and to Him you will 'all' be gathered."

حَاصِبًا ۖ فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ نَذِيرٍ ﴿١٥﴾ وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبَ  
الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ ﴿١٦﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا  
إِلَى الطَّيْرِ فَوْقَهُمْ صَفَّتٍ وَيُقْبِضْنَ ۖ مَا يُبْسِكُهُنَّ  
إِلَّا الرَّحْمَنُ ۚ إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١٧﴾ أَمَنْ هَذَا  
الَّذِي هُوَ جُنْدٌ لَكُمْ يَنْصَرُّكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ الرَّحْمَنِ ۚ  
إِنَّ الْكُفْرَ وَنَ الْآ فِي غُرُورٍ ﴿١٨﴾ أَمَنْ هَذَا الَّذِي  
يَزْرُقُكُمْ إِنْ أَمْسَكَ رِزْقَهُ ۚ بَلْ لَجُّوا فِي عُتُوٍّ  
وَنُفُورٍ ﴿١٩﴾ أَفَمَنْ يَمْشِي مُكِبًّا عَلَى وَجْهِهِ أَهْدَى  
أَمَنْ يَمْشِي سَوِيًّا عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٢٠﴾ قُلْ  
هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأَكُمْ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ  
وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ ۚ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي  
ذَرَأَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ  
مَتَى هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾ قُلْ

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**Question 6) Do You Still Deny the Hour?**

25. 'Still' they ask 'the believers', "When will this threat come to pass, if what you say is true?" 26. Say, 'O Prophet,'

إِنَّمَا الْعِلْمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٢٨﴾

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ زُلْفَةً سَيِّئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا

وَقِيلَ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تَدَّعُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ قُلْ

أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَهْلَكَنِی اللَّهُ وَمَنْ مَعِيَ أَوْ رَحِمَنَا ۚ

فَمَنْ يُجِیِّرُ الْكَافِرِينَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْيَوْمِ ﴿٣٠﴾ قُلْ هُوَ

الرَّحْمَنُ أَمَّا بِهِ وَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ

مَنْ هُوَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٣١﴾ قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ

مَأْوُكُمْ غُورًا فَمَنْ یَأْتِيكُمْ بِمَاءٍ مَعِينٍ ﴿٣٢﴾

﴿آيَاتُهَا ٥٢﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْقَلَمِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٢)﴾ ﴿رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٢﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝

ن وَالْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ ۝ مَا أَنْتَ بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ

بِمَجْنُونٍ ۝ وَإِنَّ لَكَ لَأَجْرًا غَيْرَ مَمْنُونٍ ۝ وَ

إِنَّكَ لَعَلَى خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ ۝ فَسَتُبْصِرُ وَيُبْصِرُونَ ۝

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↑ “That knowledge is with Allah alone, and I am only sent with a clear warning.” 27. Then when they see the torment drawing near, the faces of the disbelievers will become gloomy, and it will be said ‘to them’, “This is what you claimed would never come.”<sup>1208</sup>

*Question 7) Who Else Can Aid You?*

28. Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “Consider this: whether Allah causes me and those with me to die or shows us mercy, who will save the disbelievers from a painful punishment?”<sup>1209</sup> 29. Say, “He is the Most Compassionate—in Him ‘alone’ we believe, and in Him ‘alone’ we trust. You will soon know who is clearly astray.” 30. Say, “Consider this: if your water were to sink ‘into the earth’, then who ‘else’ could bring you flowing water?”

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## 68. The Pen (Al-Qalam)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### *Excellence of the Prophet*

1. *Nūn*. By the pen and what everyone writes!
2. By the grace of your Lord, you ‘O Prophet’ are not insane.
3. You will certainly have a never-ending reward.
4. And you are truly ‘a man’ of outstanding character.
5. Soon you and the pagans will see,

<sup>1208</sup> Another possible translation: “This is what you were calling for.”

<sup>1209</sup> Meaning, whether Allah takes our lives (as you wish) or grants us a long life, it is all good for us. But who will protect you from Allah if you disbelieve in Him.

6. which of you is mad. 7. Surely your Lord 'alone' knows best who has strayed from His Way and who is 'rightly' guided.

### Warning the Prophet About the Deniers

8. So do not give in to the deniers. 9. They wish you would compromise so they would yield 'to you'. 10. And do not obey the despicable, vain oath-taker, 11. slanderer, gossip-monger, 12. withholder of good, transgressor, evildoer, 13. brute, and—on top of all that—an illegitimate child. 14. Now, 'simply' because he has been blessed with 'abundant' wealth and children, 15. whenever Our revelations are recited to him, he says, "Ancient fables!" 16. We will soon mark his snout.<sup>1210</sup>

### The Test of the Garden Owners<sup>1211</sup>

17. Indeed, We have tested those 'Meccans' as We tested the owners of the garden—when they swore they would surely harvest 'all' its fruit in the early morning, 18. leaving no thought for Allah's Will.<sup>1212</sup> 19. Then it was struck by a torment from your Lord while they slept, 20. so it was reduced to ashes. 21. Then by daybreak they called out to each other, 22. 'saying,' "Go early to your harvest, if you want to pick 'all' the fruit." 23. So they went off, whispering to one another, 24. "Do not let any poor person enter

بِأَيِّكُمْ الْمَقْتُولُونَ ١ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ  
عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ ٢ فَلَا تَطْعِ  
الْمُكَذِّبِينَ ٣ وَدُّوا لَوْ تُدْهِنُ فَيُدْهِنُونَ ٤ وَلَا  
تُطْعِ كُلَّ حَلَّافٍ مِّمَّيْنِ ٥ هَمَّازٍ مَشْأَةٍ بِمِثْمِمْ ٦  
مَتَّاعٍ لِلْخَيْرِ مُعْتَدٍ أَثِيمٍ ٧ عُتْلٍ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ  
رَنِيمٍ ٨ أَنْ كَانَ ذَا مَالٍ وَبَنِينَ ٩ إِذَا تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِ  
آيَاتُنَا قَالَ أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ١٠ سَنَسِفُهُ عَلَى  
الْحَرْطُومِ ١١ إِنَّا بَلَوْنَهُمْ كَمَا بَلَوْنَا أَصْحَابَ الْجَنَّةِ ١٢  
إِذْ أَقْسَمُوا لَيَصْرِمُنَّهَا مُصْبِحِينَ ١٣ وَلَا يَسْتَشْنُونَ ١٤  
فَطَافَ عَلَيْهَا طَآئِفٌ مِّنْ رَبِّكَ وَهُمْ نَائِمُونَ ١٥  
فَأَصْبَحَتْ كَالصَّرِيمِ ١٦ فَتَنَادُوا مُصْبِحِينَ ١٧  
أَنْ اْعُدُّوا عَلَيْنَا حُرْثَكُمْ ۖ إِنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ طَرْمِيزِينَ ١٨  
فَانْطَلَقُوا وَهُمْ يَتَخَفَتُونَ ١٩ أَنْ لَا يَدْخُلَهَا

الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ

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1210 Like 53:33-35 and 74:11-26, these verses refer to Al-Walīd ibn Al-Mughīrah, a leader of the Meccan opposition against Islam. He rejected the Prophet (ﷺ) as a madman, so the Quran responded by listing ten of his qualities—two of which were unknown to him: the fact that he was born out of wedlock and that his nose would be chopped off several years later at the Battle of Badr. At least three of his ten sons accepted Islam—including Khālid ibn Al-Walīd.

1211 This is the story of a righteous man who owned a garden and used to give a share of the harvest to the poor. Following his death, his children decided to keep all the produce for themselves and give nothing to the poor.

1212 Another possible translation: "without leaving some for the poor."

الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ مَسْكِينٌ ۖ وَغَدُوْا عَلٰى حَرْدٍ قَدْرَبِىْ ۚ  
 فَلَمَّا رَاَوْهَا قَالُوْا اِنَّا لَضَالُوْنَ ۚ بَلْ نَحْنُ  
 مَحْرُوْمُوْنَ ۚ قَالَ اَوْسَطُهُمْ اَلَمْ اَقُلْ لَّكُمْ لَوْلَا  
 تُسَبِّحُوْنَ ۚ قَالُوْا سُبْحٰنَ رَبِّنَا اِنَّا كُنَّا ظٰلِمِيْنَ ۚ  
 فَاَقْبَلَ بَعْضُهُمْ عَلٰى بَعْضٍ يَتَلَاوَمُوْنَ ۚ قَالُوْا  
 يٰوَيْلَنَا اِنَّا كُنَّا طٰغِيْنَ ۚ عٰسٰى رَبَّنَا اَنْ يُّبَدِّلَنَا  
 حٰثِرًا مِّنْهَا اِنَّا اِلٰى رَبِّنَا رٰغِبُوْنَ ۚ كَذٰلِكَ  
 الْعَذَابُ ۚ وَلَعَذَابُ الْاٰخِرَةِ اَكْبَرُ لَوْ كَانُوْا  
 يَعْلَمُوْنَ ۚ اِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِيْنَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّتِ  
 النَّعِيْمِ ۚ اَفَنَجْعَلَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ كَالْمُجْرِمِيْنَ ۚ  
 مَا لَكُمْ وَفٰى ۚ كَيْفَ تَحْكُمُوْنَ ۚ اَمْ لَكُمْ كِتٰبٌ فِىْهِ  
 تَدْرُسُوْنَ ۚ اِنَّ لَكُمْ فِىْهِ لَمَآ تَخَيَّرُوْنَ ۚ اَمْ لَكُمْ  
 اِيْمَانٌ عَلَيْنَا بِالْغٰثَةِ اِلٰى يَوْمِ الْقِيٰمَةِ ۚ اِنْ لَّكُمْ

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your garden today.” 25. And they proceeded early, totally fixated on their purpose. 26. But when they saw it ‘devastated’, they cried, “We must have lost ‘our’ way! 27. In fact, we have been deprived ‘of our livelihood’.” 28. The most sensible of them said, “Did I not urge you to say, ‘Allah willing.’?” 29. They replied, “Glory be to our Lord! We have truly been wrongdoers.” 30. Then they turned on each other, throwing blame. 31. They said, “Woe to us! We have certainly been transgressors. 32. We trust our Lord will give us a better garden than this, ‘for’ we are indeed turning to our Lord with hope.”<sup>1213</sup> 33. That is the ‘way of Our’ punishment ‘in this world’. But the punishment of the Hereafter is certainly far worse, if only they knew.<sup>1214</sup>

#### Questions to the Pagans

34. Indeed, the righteous will have the Gardens of Bliss with their Lord. 35. Should We then treat those who have submitted like the wicked? 36. What is the matter with you? How do you judge? 37. Or do you have a scripture, in which you read 38. that you will have whatever you choose? 39. Or do you have oaths binding on Us until the Day of Judgment that you

1213 it is believed that Allah accepted their repentance and replaced their garden with a better one.

1214 i.e., if only the Meccan pagans knew.

will have whatever you decide? 40. Ask them "O Prophet" which of them can guarantee all that. 41. Or do they have associate-gods "supporting this claim"? Then let them bring forth their associate-gods, if what they say is true.

### Warning of Judgment Day

42. "Beware of" the Day the Shin "of Allah" will be bared,<sup>1215</sup> and the wicked will be asked to prostrate, but they will not be able to do so, 43. with eyes downcast, totally covered with disgrace. For they were "always" called to prostrate "in the world" when they were fully capable "but they chose not to". 44. So leave to Me "O Prophet" those who reject this message. We will gradually draw them to destruction in ways they cannot comprehend. 45. I "only" delay their end for a while, but My planning is flawless. 46. Or are you asking them for a reward "for the message" so that they are overburdened by debt? 47. Or do they have access to "the Record in" the unseen, so they copy it "for all to see"?

### A Lesson to the Prophet

48. So be patient with your Lord's decree, and do not be like "Jonah," the Man of the Whale, who cried out "to Allah", in total distress.<sup>1216</sup>

49. Had he not been shown grace by his Lord, he would have certainly been cast onto the open "shore", still blameworthy. 50. Then his Lord chose him, making him one of the righteous.

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لِمَا تَحْكُمُونَ ۖ سَلِّمُوا إِلَيْهِمْ بِذَلِكَ زَعِيمٌ ۚ  
أَمْ لَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ ۖ فَلْيَأْتُوا بِشُرَكَائِهِمْ إِنْ كَانُوا  
صَادِقِينَ ۚ يَوْمَ يُكْشَفُ عَنْ سَاقٍ وَيُدْعَوْنَ  
إِلَى السُّجُودِ فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ ۚ خَاشِعَةً أَبْصَارُهُمْ  
تَرْهَقُهُمْ ذِلَّةٌ ۖ وَقَدْ كَانُوا يُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى السُّجُودِ  
وَهُمْ سَالِمُونَ ۚ فَذَرْنِي وَمَنْ يُكَدِّبُ بِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ  
سَنَسْتَدْرِجُهُمْ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۚ وَأُمْلَى  
لَهُمْ إِنْ كَيْدِي مَتِينٌ ۚ أَمْ تَسْأَلُهُمْ أَجْرًا  
فَهُمْ مِنْ مَّعْرَمٍ مُمْتَلُونَ ۚ أَمْ عِنْدَهُمُ الْغَيْبُ  
فَهُمْ يَكْتُبُونَ ۚ فَاصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ وَلَا تَكُنْ  
كَصَاحِبِ الْحُوتِ إِذْ نَادَى وَهُوَ مَكْظُومٌ ۚ لَوْلَا  
أَنْ تَذَرَكُمْ نِعْمَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّي لَكُنْتَ بِالْعَرَاءِ وَهُوَ  
مَذْمُومٌ ۚ فَاجْتَبَاهُ رَبِّي فَجَعَلَهُ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ۚ

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<sup>1215</sup> Like the Face and the Hands, the Shin is believed by many to be one of the qualities of Allah, in a way befitting His Majesty and Greatness. Since baring the shin in the Arab culture is associated with the heat of battle, some interpret the verse metaphorically, so the meaning would be: "Beware of" the Day when horror sets in."

<sup>1216</sup> While inside the whale. See 21:87 and 37:139-148.



↑ 51. The disbelievers would almost cut you down with their eyes when they hear 'you recite' the Reminder,<sup>1217</sup> and say, "He is certainly a madman." 52. But it is simply a reminder to the whole world.



### 69. The Inevitable Hour (Al-Hâqqah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### The Final Hour

1. The Inevitable Hour! 2. What is Inevitable Hour? 3. And what will make you realize what the Inevitable Hour is?

#### Examples of Destroyed Peoples

4. 'Both' Thamûd and 'Âd denied the Striking Disaster.<sup>1218</sup> 5. As for Thamûd, they were destroyed by an overwhelming blast. 6. And as for 'Âd, they were destroyed by a furious, bitter wind 7. which Allah unleashed on them non-stop for seven nights and eight days, so that you would have seen its people lying dead like trunks of uprooted palm trees. 8. Do you see any of them left alive? 9. Also, Pharaoh and those before him, and 'the people of' the overturned cities 'of

وَأَن يَّكَادُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَيُزْلِقُونَكَ بِأَبْصَارِهِمْ  
لَمَّا سَمِعُوا الذِّكْرَ وَيَقُولُونَ إِنَّهُ لَمَجْنُونٌ ٥١  
وَمَا هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ٥٢

﴿الْحَاقَّةُ ٥٢﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْحَاقَّةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٦٩)﴾ ﴿رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٢﴾  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْحَاقَّةُ ١ مَا الْحَاقَّةُ ٢ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الْحَاقَّةُ ٣  
كَذَّبَتْ ثَمُودُ وَعَادٌ بِالْقَارِعَةِ ٤ فَأَمَّا ثَمُودُ  
فَأَهْلِكُوا بِالطَّاغِيَةِ ٥ وَأَمَّا عَادٌ فَأُهْلِكُوا بِرِيحٍ  
صَّرَصَ عَلَيْهِ ٦ سَخِرَهَا عَلَيْهِمْ سَبْعَ لَيَالٍ وَثَلَاثَةَ  
أَيَّامٍ ٧ خَسُوفًا فَتَرَى الْقَوْمَ فِيهَا صَرْعَى ٨ كَأَنَّهُمْ  
أَعْجَازُ نَخْلٍ خَاوِيَةٍ ٩ فَهَلْ تَرَى لَهُمْ مِّنْ  
بَاقِيَةٍ ١٠ وَجَاءَ فِرْعَوْنُ وَمَنْ قَبْلَهُ وَالْمُؤْتَفِكَتُ  
بِالْخَاطِئَةِ ١١ فَعَصَوْا رَسُولَ رَبِّهِمْ فَأَخَذَهُمْ أَخَذَةً

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Lot' indulged in sin, 10. each disobeying their Lord's messenger,

1217 This is one of the names of the Quran.

1218 The Striking Disaster is another name for the Day of Judgment.

so He seized them with a crushing grip. 11. Indeed, when the floodwater had overflowed, We carried you<sup>1219</sup> in the floating Ark 'with Noah', 12. so that We may make this a reminder to you, and that attentive ears may grasp it.

### *Horrors of Judgment Day*

13. At last, when the Trumpet will be blown with one blast, 14. and the earth and mountains will be lifted up and crushed with one blow, 15. on that Day the Inevitable Event will have come to pass. 16. The sky will then be so torn that it will be frail, 17. with the angels on its sides. On that Day eight 'mighty angels' will bear the Throne of your Lord above them. 18. You will then be presented 'to Him for judgment', and none of your secrets will stay hidden.

### *The Winners*

19. As for those given their records in their right hand, they will cry 'happily', "Here 'everyone'! Read my record! 20. I surely knew I would face my reckoning." 21. They will be in a life of bliss, 22. in an elevated Garden, 23. whose fruit will hang within reach. 24. "They will be told," "Eat and drink joyfully for what you did in the days gone by."

### *The Losers*

25. And as for those given their record in their left hand, they will cry 'bitterly',

رَآبِيَةً ۝۱۰ إِنَّا لَمَّا طَغَا الْمَاءُ حَمَلْنَاكُمْ فِي الْجَارِيَةِ ۝  
لِنَجْعَلَهَا لَكُمْ تَذْكِرَةً وَتَعِيَهَا أُذُنٌ وَّاعِيَةٌ ۝  
فَإِذَا نُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ نَفَخَةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ ۝۱۳ وَحُمِلَتِ  
الْأَرْضُ وَالْجِبَالُ فَدُكَّتَا دَكَّةً وَاحِدَةً ۝۱۴  
فَيَوْمَئِذٍ وَقَعَتِ الْوَاقِعَةُ ۝۱۵ وَانْشَقَّتِ السَّمَاءُ فَهِيَ  
يَوْمَئِذٍ وَّاهِيَةٌ ۝۱۶ وَالْمَلِكُ عَلَىٰ أَرْجَائِهَا ۝ وَيَحْمِلُ  
عَرْشَ رَبِّكَ فَوْقَهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ ثَمَنِيَّةٌ ۝۱۷ يَوْمَئِذٍ  
تُخْرَضُونَ لَا تَخْفَىٰ مِنْكُمْ خَافِيَةٌ ۝۱۸ فَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوتِيَ  
كِتَابَهُ بِيَمِينِهِ ۝۱۹ فَيَقُولُ هَٰؤُلَاءِ أَقْرَبُ وَكِتَابِي ۝  
إِنِّي ظَنَنْتُ أَنِّي مُلْقٍ حِسَابِي ۝۲۰ فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ  
رَّاضِيَةٍ ۝۲۱ فِي جَنَّةٍ عَالِيَةٍ ۝۲۲ قُطُوفُهَا دَانِيَةٌ ۝۲۳  
كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا هَنِيئًا بِمَا أَسْلَفْتُمْ فِي الْأَيَّامِ  
الْخَالِيَةِ ۝۲۴ وَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِشِمَالِهِ ۝

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فَيَقُولُ يَلَيْتَنِي لَمْ أُوتَ كِتَابِيَهٗ ۖ وَلَمْ أَدْرَمَا  
 حِسَابِيَهٗ ۖ يَلَيْتَهَا كَانَتِ الْقَاضِيَةَ ۚ مَا  
 آغْنَىٰ عَنِّي مَالِيَهٗ ۖ هَلْكَ عَنِّي سُلْطَانِيَهٗ ۖ  
 خُدُوهُ فَعُلُوهُ ۚ ثُمَّ الْجَحِيمَ صَلَوَهُ ۖ ثُمَّ فِي  
 سُلْسِلَةٍ ذَرْعُهَا سَبْعُونَ ذِرَاعًا فَاسْلُكُوهُ ۖ  
 إِنَّهُ كَانَ لَا يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ ۖ وَلَا يَحِضُّ  
 عَلَىٰ طَعَامِ الْمِسْكِينِ ۖ فَلَيْسَ لَهُ الْيَوْمَ هُنَا  
 حَمِيمٌ ۖ وَلَا طَعَامٌ إِلَّا مِنْ غِسْلِينٍ ۖ لَا يَأْكُلُهُ  
 إِلَّا الْخَاطِئُونَ ۚ فَلَا أُقْسِمُ بِمَا تُبْصَرُونَ ۖ وَمَا لَا  
 تُبْصَرُونَ ۖ إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ رَسُولٍ كَرِيمٍ ۖ وَمَا هُوَ  
 بِقَوْلِ شَاعِرٍ قَلِيلًا مَّا تُوْمَنُونَ ۖ وَلَا بِقَوْلِ  
 كَاهِنٍ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذْكُرُونَ ۖ تَنْزِيلٌ  
 مِّن رَّبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۚ وَلَوْ تَقَوَّلَ عَلَيْنَا بَعْضُ

"I wish I had not been given my record, 26. nor known anything of my reckoning! 27. I wish death was the end! 28. My wealth has not benefited me! 29. My authority has been stripped from me." 30. "It will be said," "Seize and shackle them, 31. then burn them in Hell, 32. then tie them up with chains seventy arms long. 33. For they never had faith in Allah, the Greatest, 34. nor encouraged the feeding of the poor. 35. So this Day they will have no close friend here, 36. nor any food except 'oozing' pus, 37. which none will eat except the evildoers."

#### The Quran Is Allah's Word

38. Now, I do swear by whatever you see, 39. and whatever you cannot see! 40. Indeed, this 'Quran' is the recitation of a noble Messenger. 41. It is not the prose of a poet 'as you claim', 'yet' you hardly have any faith. 42. Nor is it the mumbling of a fortune-teller, 'yet' you are hardly mindful. 43. 'It is' a revelation from the Lord of all worlds.

#### The Quran Is Not a Fabrication

44. Had the Messenger made up

something in Our Name, 45. We would have certainly seized him by his right hand, 46. then severed his aorta, 47. and none of you could have shielded him 'from Us'!

#### The Quran Is the Absolute Truth

48. Indeed, this 'Quran' is a reminder to those mindful 'of Allah'. 49. And We certainly know that some of you will persist in denial, 50. and it will surely be a source of regret for the disbelievers. 51. And indeed, this 'Quran' is the absolute truth. 52. So glorify the Name of your Lord, the Greatest.



#### 70. Pathways of 'Heavenly' Ascent (Al-Ma'ârij)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### A Mocker Asks for Judgment Day

1. A challenger<sup>1220</sup> has demanded a punishment bound to come  
2. for the disbelievers—to be averted by none— 3. from Allah, Lord of pathways of 'heavenly' ascent,  
4. 'through which' the angels and the 'holy' spirit<sup>1221</sup> will ascend to Him on a Day fifty thousand years in length.<sup>1222</sup> 5. So endure 'this denial, O Prophet,' with beautiful patience.  
6. They truly see this 'Day' as impossible, 7. but We see it as inevitable.

الْأَقَاوِيلَ ۖ لَأَخَذْنَا مِنْهُ بِالْيَمِينِ ۖ ثُمَّ لَقَطَعْنَا مِنْهُ الْوَتِينَ ۖ فَمَا مِنْكُمْ مِّنْ أَحَدٍ عَنْهُ حَاجِزِينَ ۖ وَإِنَّهُ لَتَذِكْرَةٌ لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ۖ وَإِنَّا لَنَعْلَمُ أَنَّ مِنْكُمْ مُّكَذِّبِينَ ۖ وَإِنَّهُ لَحَسْرَةٌ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ ۖ وَإِنَّهُ لَحَقُّ الْيَقِينِ ۖ فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ ۝

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا ٢٣﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْمَعَارِجِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ٤٩﴾ ﴿كُودَاتُهَا ٢﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝ سَأَلَ سَائِلٌ بِعَذَابٍ وَاقِعٍ ۖ لِّلْكَافِرِينَ لَيْسَ لَهُ دَافِعٌ ۖ مِّنَ اللَّهِ ذِي الْمَعَارِجِ ۖ تَعْرُجُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمٍ كَانَ مِقْدَارُهُ خَمْسِينَ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ ۖ فَاصْبِرْ صَبْرًا جَمِيلًا ۖ إِنَّهُمْ يَرَوْنَهُ بَعِيدًا ۖ وَنَرَاهُ قَرِيبًا ۖ يَوْمَ تَكُونُ السَّمَاءُ

تَكُونُ السَّمَاءُ

مَزْلَزَةً

1220 According to 8:32, An-Naḍr ibn Al-Hârith challenged Allah, saying, "If this is indeed the truth from You, then rain down stones upon us from the sky or overcome us with a painful punishment."

1221 The holy spirit is the angel Gabriel.

1222 Judgment Day will seem like 50 000 years for a disbeliever, but it will seem like a very short period for a believer. The Prophet (ﷺ) is reported in a ḥadīth collected by Imâm Aḥmed to have said that, for the believer, this long period will be like the time they took to perform a single prayer in the world.

## Horrors of Judgment Day

8. On that Day the sky will be like molten brass 9. and the mountains like 'tufts of' wool. 10. And no close friend will ask 'about' their friends, 11. 'although' they will be made to see each other. The wicked will wish to ransom themselves from the punishment of that Day by their children, 12. their spouses, their siblings, 13. their clan that sheltered them, 14. and everyone on earth altogether, just to save themselves. 15. But no! There will certainly be a raging Flame 16. ripping off scalps. 17. It will summon whoever turned their backs 'on Allah' and turned away 'from the truth', 18. and gathered and hoarded 'wealth'.

## Excellence of the Faithful

19. Indeed, humankind was created impatient; 20. distressed when touched with evil, 21. and withholding when touched with good— 22. except those who pray, 23. consistently performing their prayers; 24. and who give the rightful share of their wealth 25. to the beggar and the poor; 26. and who 'firmly' believe in the Day of Judgment; 27. and those who fear the punishment of their Lord— 28. 'knowing that' none should feel secure from their Lord's punishment—

تَكُونُ السَّمَاءُ كَالْهَيْلِ ٨ وَتَكُونُ الْجِبَالُ كَالْعِهْنِ ٩

وَلَا يَسْأَلُ حَمِيمٌ حَمِيماً ١٠ يَبْصُرُونَهُمْ ط يَوَدُّ

الْمُجْرِمُ لَوْ يَفْتَدِي مِنْ عَذَابٍ يَوْمِذٍ بِبَنِيهِ ١١

وَصَاحِبَتِهِ وَآخِيهِ ١٢ وَفَصِيلَتِهِ الَّتِي تُتَوِيه ١٣

وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعاً ثُمَّ يُنْجِيهِ ١٤ كَلَّا ط

إِنَّهَا لَظَى ١٥ نَزَاعَةً لِّلشَّوَى ١٦ تَدْعُوا مَنْ أَدْبَرَ

وَتَوَلَّى ١٧ وَجَمَعَ فَأَوْعَى ١٨ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ خُلِقَ

هَلُوعاً ١٩ إِذَا مَسَّهُ الشَّرُّ جَزُوعاً ٢٠ وَإِذَا مَسَّهُ

الْخَيْرُ مَنُوعاً ٢١ إِلَّا الْمُصَلِّينَ ٢٢ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَلَى

صَلَاتِهِمْ دَائِبُونَ ٢٣ وَالَّذِينَ فِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ

مَّعْلُومٌ ٢٤ لِّلسَّائِلِ وَالْمَحْرُومِ ٢٥ وَالَّذِينَ يُصَدِّقُونَ

بِیَوْمِ الدِّينِ ٢٦ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مِّنْ عَذَابِ رَبِّهِمْ

مُشْفِقُونَ ٢٧ إِنَّ عَذَابَ رَبِّهِمْ غَيْرُ مَأْمُونٍ ٢٨

29, and those who guard their chastity<sup>1223</sup> 30. except with their wives or those 'bondwomen' in their possession,<sup>1224</sup> for then they are free from blame, 31. but whoever seeks beyond that are the transgressors. 32. 'The faithful are' also those who are true to their trusts and covenants; 33. and who are honest in their testimony; 34. and who are 'properly' observant of their prayers. 35. These will be in Gardens, held in honour.

#### Warning to the Mockers

36. So what is the matter with the disbelievers that they rush 'head-long' towards you 'O Prophet', 37. from the right and the left, in groups 'to mock you'<sup>1225</sup> 38. Does every one of them expect to be admitted into a Garden of Bliss? 39. But no! Indeed, they 'already' know what We created them from.<sup>1226</sup> 40. So, I do swear by the Lord of 'all' the points of sunrise and sunset<sup>1227</sup> that We are truly capable 41. of replacing them with 'others' better than them, and We cannot be prevented 'from doing so'. 42. So let them indulge 'in falsehood' and amuse 'themselves' until they face their Day,

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِفُرُوجِهِمْ حَافِظُونَ ۖ إِلَّا عَلَىٰ  
أَزْوَاجِهِمْ أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ غَيْرُ  
مَلُومِينَ ۚ فَمَنِ ابْتَغَىٰ وَرَاءَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ  
الْعَادُونَ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمْتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ  
رِعُونَ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِشَهَادَتِهِمْ قَائِمُونَ ۚ وَ  
الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَلَىٰ صَلَاتِهِمْ يُحَافِظُونَ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ  
فِي جَنَّتٍ مُّكْرَمُونَ ۚ فَمَالِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
قَبْلَكَ مُهْطِعِينَ ۚ عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ الشِّمَالِ  
عِزِينَ ۚ أَيُطِيعُ كُلُّ امْرِئٍ مِّنْهُمْ أَنْ يُدْخَلَ جَنَّةً  
نَّعِيمٍ ۚ كَلَّا ۖ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاهُمْ مِّمَّا يَعْلَمُونَ ۚ فَلَا  
أَقْسَمُ بِرَبِّ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ إِنَّا لَقَادِرُونَ ۚ عَلَىٰ  
أَنْ نُبَدِّلَ خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمْ ۚ وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمَسْبُوقِينَ ۚ  
فَذَرُهُمْ يَخُوضُوا وَيَلْعَبُوا حَتَّىٰ يُلَاقُوا يَوْمَهُمُ

الَّذِينَ يُوعَدُونَ ۚ

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1223 lit., private parts.

1224 See footnote for 4:3.

1225 Some Meccan pagans used to gather around the Prophet (ﷺ) to mock him and the believers, saying that if there is in fact a Hereafter, they are better entitled to Paradise than poor believers.

1226 i.e., from a humble fluid. See 32:8.

1227 The daily ooints of sunrise and sunset. caused by the earth's rotation around its own axis.

↑ which they have been threatened with— 43. the Day they will come forth from the graves swiftly, as if racing to an idol 'for a blessing',<sup>1228</sup> 44. with eyes downcast, utterly covered with disgrace. That is the Day they have 'always' been warned of.



### 71. Noah (Nûh)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Noah's Appeal to His People

1. Indeed, We sent Noah to his people 'saying to him', "Warn your people before a painful punishment comes to them." 2. Noah proclaimed, "O my people! I am truly sent to you with a clear warning: 3. worship Allah 'alone', fear Him, and obey me. 4. He will forgive your sins, and delay your end until the appointed time.<sup>1229</sup> Indeed, when the time set by Allah comes, it cannot be delayed, if only you knew!"

#### 950 Years of Preaching

5. He cried, "My Lord! I have surely called my people day and night, 6. but my calls only made them run farther away.

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الَّذِي يُوعَدُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ يَوْمَ يَخْرُجُونَ مِنَ الْآجِدَاتِ  
سِرَاعًا كَانَتْهُمْ إِلَىٰ نُصَبٍ يُّؤْفَضُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ خَاشِعَةً  
أَبْصَارُهُمْ تَرَهَّقْتُمْ ذَلَّةٌ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ الْيَوْمُ الَّذِي  
كَانُوا يُوعَدُونَ ﴿٣١﴾

﴿الْأَنفُسَ ٢٨﴾ ﴿٤١﴾ سُوْرَةُ نُوحٍ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿٤١﴾ ﴿رُؤُوسَهُمَا ٢﴾  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ أَنْ أَنْذِرْ قَوْمَكَ مِنْ  
قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۝ قَالَ يَقَوْمُ  
إِنِّي لَكُمْ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ۝ أَنْ أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاتَّقُوهُ  
وَأَطِيعُوا ۝ يَعْفِرْ لَكُمْ مِنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ وَيُخَخِّرْكُمْ إِلَىٰ  
أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ۚ إِنَّ أَجَلَ اللَّهِ إِذَا جَاءَ لَا يُؤَخَّرُ  
لَوْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ۝ قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُ قَوْمِي  
لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا ۝ فَلَمْ يَزِدْهُمْ دُعَائِي إِلَّا فِرَارًا ۝

1228 Or "as if rushing towards a target."

1229 Meaning, it is out of Allah's mercy that He does not hasten your punishment but delays your death until your destined time.

7. And whenever I invite them to be forgiven by You, they press their fingers into their ears, cover themselves with their clothes, persist 'in denial', and act very arrogantly. 8. Then I certainly called them openly, 9. then I surely preached to them publicly and privately, 10. saying, "Seek your Lord's forgiveness, 'for' He is truly Most Forgiving. 11. He will shower you with abundant rain, 12. supply you with wealth and children, and give you gardens as well as rivers. 13. What is the matter with you that you are not in awe of the Majesty of Allah, 14. when He truly created you in stages 'of development'?<sup>1230</sup> 15. Do you not see how Allah created seven heavens, one above the other, 16. placing the moon within them as a 'reflected' light, and the sun as a 'radiant' lamp? 17. Allah 'alone' caused you<sup>1231</sup> to grow from the earth like a plant. 18. Then He will return you to it, and then simply bring you forth 'again'. 19. And Allah 'alone' spread out the earth for you 20. to walk along its spacious pathways."

وَإِنِّي كُلَّمَا دَعَوْتُهُمْ لِتَغْفِرَ لَهُمْ جَعَلُوا أَصَابِعَهُمْ  
فِي آذَانِهِمْ وَاسْتَغْشَوْا ثِيَابَهُمْ وَأَصْرُوا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا  
اسْتِكْبَارًا ۚ ثُمَّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جَهَرًا ۙ ثُمَّ إِنِّي  
أَعْلَنْتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ لَهُمْ إِسْرَارًا ۙ فَقُلْتُ  
اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا ۙ يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ  
عَلَيْكُمْ مَدَرًا رَارًا ۙ وَيُيَدِّدُكُمْ بِأَمْوَالٍ وَبَنِينَ  
وَيَجْعَلُ لَكُمْ جَنَّتٍ وَيَجْعَلُ لَكُمْ أَنْهَارًا ۙ مَا لَكُمْ  
لَا تَرْجُونَ لِلَّهِ وَقَارًا ۙ وَقَدْ خَلَقَكُمْ أَطْوَارًا ۙ  
أَلَمْ تَرَوْا كَيْفَ خَلَقَ اللَّهُ سَبْعَ سَمُوتٍ طِبَاقًا ۙ  
وَجَعَلَ الْقَمَرَ فِيهِنَّ نُورًا وَجَعَلَ الشَّمْسَ سِرَاجًا ۙ  
وَاللَّهُ أَنْتَبِتُكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ نَبَاتًا ۙ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُكُمْ  
فِيهَا وَيُخْرِجُكُمْ إِخْرَاجًا ۙ وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ  
الْأَرْضَ بَسَاطًا ۙ لِتَسْلُكُوا مِنْهَا سُبُلًا فِجَاجًا ۙ

قَالَ نوحٌ

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1230 See 22:5 and 23:12-14.

1231 i.e., your father Adam, who was created from clay.





21. "Eventually," Noah cried, "My Lord! They have certainly persisted in disobeying me, and followed 'instead' those 'elite' whose 'abundant' wealth and children only increase them in loss, 22. and who have devised a tremendous plot, 23. urging 'their followers', 'Do not abandon your idols—especially *Wadd, Suwâ', Yaghûth, Ya'ûq, and Nasr.*'<sup>1232</sup> 24. Those 'elite' have already led many astray. So 'O Lord', only allow the wrongdoers to stray farther away." 25. So because of their sins, they were drowned, then admitted into the Fire. And they found none to help them against Allah.

#### Noah's Prayer Before the Flood<sup>1233</sup>

26. Noah had prayed, "My Lord! Do not leave a single disbeliever on earth. 27. For if You spare 'any of' them, they will certainly mislead Your servants, and give birth only to 'wicked' sinners, staunch disbelievers. 28. My Lord! Forgive me, my parents, and whoever enters my house in faith, and 'all' believing men and women. And increase the wrongdoers only in destruction."



قَالَ نُوحٌ رَّبِّ إِنَّهُمْ عَصَوْنِي وَاتَّبَعُوا مَنْ لَمْ  
يَزِدَّهُ مَالُهُ وَلَدَّهُ إِلَّا خَسَارًا ۖ وَمَكَرُوا  
مَكْرًا كُبَرَارًا ۖ وَقَالُوا لَا تَذَرُنَّ آلِهَتَكُمْ وَلَا  
تَذَرُنَّ وَدًّا وَلَا سُوَاعًا وَلَا يَغُوثَ وَيَعُوقَ  
وَنَسْرًا ۖ وَقَدْ أَضَلُّوا كَثِيرًا ۚ وَلَا تَزِدِ  
الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا ضَلَالًا ۖ مِمَّا خَطِيئَتُهُمْ أُعْرِقُوا  
فَأَدْخَلُوا نَارًا ۚ فَلَمْ يَجِدُوا لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِ  
اللَّهِ أَنْصَارًا ۖ وَقَالَ نُوحٌ رَّبِّ لَا تَذَرْ عَلَى  
الْأَرْضِ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ دَيَّارًا ۖ إِنَّكَ إِنِ  
تَذَرَهُمْ يُضِلُّوا عِبَادَكَ وَلَا يَلِدُوا إِلَّا فَاجِرًا  
كَفَّارًا ۖ رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِمَنْ دَخَلَ  
بَيْتِي مُؤْمِنًا وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۖ وَلَا تَزِدِ  
الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا تَبَارًا ۖ

1232 These are the names of their main idols. Initially, these idols had been erected to commemorate some righteous people before the time of Noah. After many generations, however, the idols were taken as objects of worship.

1233 Noah (عليه السلام) prayed for his people's destruction after Allah revealed to him that no one else was going to believe. See 11:36.

## 72. The Jinn (Al-Jinn)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Some Jinn Embrace Islam*

1. Say, 'O Prophet,' "It has been revealed to me that a group of jinn listened 'to the Quran,' and said 'to their fellow jinn': 'Indeed, we have heard a wondrous recitation. 2. It leads to Right Guidance so we believed in it, and we will never associate anyone with our Lord 'in worship'. 3. 'Now, we believe that' our Lord—Exalted is His Majesty—has neither taken a mate nor offspring, 4. and that the foolish of us used to utter 'outrageous' falsehoods about Allah.<sup>1234</sup> 5. We certainly thought that humans and jinn would never speak lies about Allah. 6. And some men used to seek refuge with some jinn—so they increased each other in wickedness.<sup>1235</sup> 7. And those 'humans' thought, just like you 'jinn', that Allah would not resurrect anyone 'for judgment'".

*No More Eavesdropping on Heaven*

8. 'Earlier' we tried to reach heaven 'for news', only to find it filled with stern guards and shooting stars.<sup>1236</sup> 9. We used to take up positions there for eavesdropping,



1234 Meaning, evil jinn tempted some pagan Arabs to believe that the angels are Allah's daughters through female jinn.

1235 See footnote for 6:128

1236 Some jinn used to eavesdrop on the heaven, then pass on what they heard to fortune-tellers. But this practice came to an end once Muhammad (ﷺ) was sent as a messenger with the Quran.

يَسْمَعُ الْآنَ يَجِدْ لَهُ شَهَابًا رَصَدًا ٩ وَآتَا لَا  
 نَدْرِي أَشَرٌّ أُرِيدَ بِمَن فِي الْأَرْضِ أَمْ أَرَادَ بِهِمْ  
 رَبُّهُمْ رَشَدًا ١٠ وَآتَا مِنَّا الصَّالِحُونَ وَمِمَّا دُونَ  
 ذَلِكَ كُنَّا طَرَائِقَ قَدَدًا ١١ وَآتَا ظَنَنَّا أَنْ لَنُ  
 تُعْجِزَ اللَّهَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَنْ تُعْجِزَهُ هَرَبًا ١٢ وَآتَا  
 لَمَّا سَمِعْنَا الْهُدَىٰ آمَنَّا بِهِ ١٣ فَمِنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِرَبِّهِ  
 فَلَا يَخَافُ بَخْسًا وَلَا رَهَقًا ١٤ وَآتَا مِنَّا الْمُسْلِمُونَ  
 وَمِمَّا الْقَاسِطُونَ ١٥ فَمِنْ أَسْلَمَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ تَحَرَّوْا  
 رَشَدًا ١٦ وَأَمَّا الْقَاسِطُونَ فَكَانُوا لِجَهَنَّمَ حَطَبًا ١٧  
 وَأَنْ لَّوِ اسْتَقَامُوا عَلَى الطَّرِيقَةِ لَأَسْقَيْنَهُمْ مَّاءً  
 غَدَقًا ١٨ لَنَفْتَنَّهُمْ فِيهِ ١٩ وَمَنْ يُعْرِضْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ رَبِّهِ  
 يَسْلُكْهُ عَذَابًا صَعَدًا ٢٠ وَأَنْ الْمَسْجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا  
 تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا ٢١ وَأَنَّهُ لَمَّا قَامَ عَبْدُ اللَّهِ

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but whoever dares eavesdrop now will find a flare lying in wait for them. 10. Now, we have no clue whether evil is intended for those on earth, or their Lord intends for them what is right.

#### Righteous and Deviant Jinn

11. Among us are those who are righteous and those who are less so. We have been of different factions. 12. 'Now,' we truly know that we cannot frustrate Allah on earth, nor can we escape from Him 'into heaven'. 13. When we heard the guidance 'of the Quran', we 'readily' believed in it. For whoever believes in their Lord will have no fear of being denied 'a reward' or wronged. 14. And among us are those who have submitted 'to Allah' and those who are deviant. So 'as for' those who submitted, it is they who have attained Right Guidance. 15. And as for the deviant, they will be fuel for Hell.'"

#### A Message to the Deniers

16. Had the deniers followed the Right Way, We would have certainly granted them abundant rain to drink— 17. as a test for them.<sup>1237</sup> And whoever turns away from the remembrance of their Lord will be admitted by Him into an overwhelming punishment.

#### Worship Allah Alone

18. The places of worship are 'only' for Allah, so do not invoke anyone besides Him.

1237 Meaning. to see if they will be grateful to Allah for rain and other provisions.

19. Yet when the servant of Allah<sup>1238</sup> stood up calling upon Him, the pagans almost swarmed over him. 20. Say, "O Prophet," "I call only upon my Lord, associating none with Him 'in worship'." 21. Say, "It is not in my power to harm or benefit you." 22. Say, "No one can protect me from Allah 'if I were to disobey Him', nor can I find any refuge other than Him. 23. 'My duty is' only to convey 'the truth' from Allah and 'deliver' His messages." And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger will certainly be in the Fire of Hell, to stay there for ever and ever.

#### Warning to Pagan Deniers

24. Only when they see what they have been threatened with will they know who is weaker in helpers and inferior in manpower. 25. Say, "I do not know if what you are promised is near or my Lord has set a distant time for it. 26. 'He is the' Knower of the unseen, disclosing none of it to anyone, 27. except messengers of His choice. Then He appoints angel-guards before and behind them 28. to ensure that the messengers fully deliver the messages of their Lord—

يَدْعُوهُ كَادُوا يَكُونُونَ عَلَيْهِ لِبَدًا ۖ قُلْ إِنَّمَا  
أَدْعُوا رَبِّي وَلَا أُشْرِكُ بِهِ أَحَدًا ۝ قُلْ إِنِّي  
لَا أَمْلِكُ لَكُمْ ضَرًّا وَلَا رَشَدًا ۝ قُلْ إِنِّي لَنْ  
يُجِيرَنِي مِنَ اللَّهِ أَحَدٌ ۚ وَلَنْ أَجِدَ مِنْ دُونِهِ  
مُلْتَحَدًا ۝ إِلَّا بَلَاغًا مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِسَالَاتِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ  
يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَإِنَّ لَهُ نَارَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا فِيهَا  
أَبَدًا ۝ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا رَأَوْا مَا يُوعَدُونَ فَيَسْجَعُونَ  
مَنْ أَوْصَفُ نَاصِرًا ۖ وَاقْلُ عَدَدًا ۝ قُلْ إِنْ  
أَدْرَيْتُمْ أَقْرَبُ مَّا تُوعَدُونَ أَمْ يَجْعَلُ لَهُ  
رَبِّي أَمَدًا ۝ عَلِمُ الْغَيْبِ فَلَا يُظْهِرُ عَلَىٰ غَيْبِهِ  
أَحَدًا ۝ إِلَّا مَنِ ارْتَضَىٰ مِنْ رَسُولٍ فَإِنَّهُ  
يَسْلُكُ مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ رَصَدًا ۝  
لِّيَعْلَمَ أَنْ قَدْ أَبْلَغُوا رَسُولًا رَّبَّهُمْ وَأَحَاطَ

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بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ وَأَحْطَى كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عَدَدًا ۝

﴿آيَاتُهَا ٢٠﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْمُرْزَمِ لِكَبِيرٍ﴾ (٣) ﴿كُتِبَتْهَا ٢﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝

يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُرْمَلُ ۝ قُمْ اللَّيْلَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۝ نِصْفَهُ

أَوْ انْقُصْ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا ۝ أَوْ زِدْ عَلَيْهِ وَرَتِّلِ

الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيلًا ۝ إِنَّا سَنُلْقِي عَلَيْكَ قَوْلًا ثَقِيلًا ۝

إِنَّ نَاشِئَةَ اللَّيْلِ هِيَ أَشَدُّ وَطْأً وَأَقْوَمُ قِيلًا ۝

إِنَّ لَكَ فِي النَّهَارِ سَبْحًا طَوِيلًا ۝ وَاذْكُرِ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ

وَتَبَتَّلْ إِلَيْهِ تَبْتِيلًا ۝ رَبُّ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَاتَّخِذْهُ وَكِيلًا ۝ وَأَصْبِرْ عَلَى مَا

يَقُولُونَ وَاهْجُرْهُمْ هَجْرًا جَمِيلًا ۝ وَذَرْنِي وَ

الْمُكَذِّبِينَ أُولِيَ النَّعْمَةِ وَمَهْلَهُمْ قَلِيلًا ۝ إِنَّ لَدَيْنَا

أَنْكَالًا وَجَحِيمًا ۝ وَطَعَامًا ذَا غُصَّةٍ ۝ وَعَذَابًا

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though He 'already' knows all about them, and keeps account of everything."

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### 73. The Wrapped One (Al-Muzzammil)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Empowering the Prophet Through  
Prayer*

1. O you wrapped 'in your clothes'!
2. Stand all night 'in prayer' except a little—
3. 'pray' half the night, or a little less,
4. or a little more—and recite the Quran 'properly' in a measured way.
5. 'For' We will soon send upon you a weighty revelation.
6. Indeed, worship in the night is more impactful and suitable for recitation.
7. For during the day you are over-occupied 'with worldly duties'.
8. 'Always' remember the Name of your Lord, and devote yourself to Him wholeheartedly.
9. 'He is the' Lord of the east and the west. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him, so take Him 'alone' as a Trustee of Affairs.

*Reassuring the Prophet*

10. Be patient 'O Prophet' with what they say, and depart from them courteously.
11. And leave to Me the den-

niers—the people of luxury—and bear with them for a little while. 12. 'For' We certainly have shackles, a 'raging' Fire,

13. choking food, and a painful punishment 'in store for them' 14. on the Day the earth and mountains will shake 'violently', and mountains will be 'reduced to' dunes of shifting sand.

#### A Warning to the Polytheists

15. Indeed, We have sent to you a messenger as a witness over you, just as We sent a messenger to Pharaoh. 16. But Pharaoh disobeyed the messenger, so We seized him with a stern grip. 17. If you 'pagans' persist in disbelief, then how will you guard yourselves against 'the horrors of' a Day which will turn children's hair grey? 18. It will 'even' cause the sky to split apart. His promise 'of judgment' must be fulfilled. 19. Surely this is a reminder. So let whoever wills take the 'Right' Way to their Lord.

#### Night Prayers Eased

20. Surely your Lord knows that you 'O Prophet' stand 'in prayer' for nearly two-thirds of the night, or 'sometimes' half of it, or a third, as do some of those with you. Allah 'alone' keeps a 'precise' measure of the day and night. He knows that you 'believers' are unable to endure this, and has turned to you in mercy.<sup>1239</sup> So recite 'in prayer' whatever you can from the Quran.

الْيَمَاءَ ۚ يَوْمَ تَرْجُفُ الْأَرْضُ وَالْجِبَالُ وَكَانَتِ  
الْجِبَالُ كَثِيبًا مَّهِيلًا ۚ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ  
رَسُولًا شَاهِدًا عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ  
رَسُولًا ۖ فَعَصَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ الرَّسُولَ فَأَخَذْنَاهُ أَخْذَاً  
وَبِيلًا ۚ فَكَيْفَ تَتَّقُونَ إِن كَفَرْتُمْ يَوْمًا  
يَجْعَلُ الْوِلْدَانَ شِيبًا ۚ ۞ السَّمَاءُ مُنْفَطِرٌ بِهِ  
كَانَ وَعْدُهُ مَفْعُولًا ۚ ۞ إِن هَذِهِ تَذْكِرَةٌ ۖ فَمَنْ  
شَاءَ اتَّخَذَ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِ سَبِيلًا ۚ ۞ إِن رَبَّكَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ  
تَقُومُ أَدْنَىٰ مِنْ ثُلُثَيِ اللَّيْلِ وَنِصْفَهُ وَثُلُثَهُ وَ  
طَائِفَةً مِّنَ الَّذِينَ مَعَكَ ۖ وَاللَّهُ يُقَدِّرُ اللَّيْلَ وَ  
النَّهَارَ ۚ عَلِمَ أَن لَّنْ تَحْصُوهُ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ  
فَاقْرَءُوا مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ ۚ عَلِمَ أَن سَيَكُونُ  
مِّنْكُمْ مَّرْضَىٰ ۚ وَآخَرُونَ يَضْرِبُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ

يَسْتَفْتُونَ

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<sup>1239</sup> This passage lightens the ruling mentioned in 73:2-4. So from now on, the believers do not have to stick to any of the portions specified at the beginning of this sūrah. Rather, they can pray whatever they can at night.

↑ He knows that some of you will be sick, some will be travelling throughout the land seeking Allah's bounty, and some fighting in the cause of Allah. So recite whatever you can from it. And 'continue to' perform 'regular' prayers, pay alms-tax, and lend to Allah a good loan.<sup>1240</sup> Whatever good you send forth for yourselves, you will find it with Allah far better and more rewarding.<sup>1241</sup> And seek Allah's forgiveness. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.



#### 74. The One Covered up (Al-Muddaththir)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

##### A Message to the Prophet

1. O you covered up 'in your clothes'! 2. Arise and warn 'all'. 3. Revere your Lord 'alone'. 4. Purify your garments. 5. 'Continue to' shun idols. 6. Do not do a favour expecting more 'in return'.<sup>1242</sup> 7. And persevere for 'the sake of' your Lord. 8. 'For' when the Trumpet will be sounded,<sup>1243</sup> 9. that will 'truly' be a difficult Day— 10. far from easy for the disbelievers.

يَبْتَغُونَ مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَآخَرُونَ يُقاتِلُونَ  
فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۖ فَأَقْرَأُوا مَا تيسَّرَ مِنْهُ ۖ وَأَقِيمُوا  
الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَاقْرِضُوا اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا  
وَمَا تَقْدِمُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ  
اللَّهِ هُوَ خَيْرًا وَأَعْظَمَ أَجْرًا ۖ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهَ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ۝

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝  
يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُدَّثِّرُ ۝ قُمْ فَأَنْذِرْ ۝ وَرَبِّكَ فَكَبِّرْ ۝  
وَتَشَايَبَكَ فَطَهِّرْ ۝ وَالرُّجْزَ فَاهْجُرْ ۝ وَلَا تَهِنُ  
تَسْتَكْثِرْ ۝ وَلِرَبِّكَ فَاصْبِرْ ۝ فَإِذَا أَنْقَرْنَا النَّاقُورَ ۝  
فَذَلِكَ يَوْمَئِذٍ يَوْمٌ عَسِيرٌ ۝ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ غَيْرُ  
يَسِيرٍ ۝ ذُرْنِي وَمَنْ خَلَقْتُ وَحِيدًا ۝ وَجَعَلْتُ  
لَهُ مَالًا مَمْدُودًا ۝

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11. And leave to me 'O Prophet' the one I created all by Myself, 12. and granted

1240 i.e., giving for charity and good causes.

1241 The reward for your charity will be far better than what you left behind or what you have given in charity because it will be rewarded ten-fold, or even 700-fold, and Allah gives more to whoever He wills. See 2:261.

1242 It was a common practice to give someone a gift, hoping to receive a more valuable gift in return. This practice is disliked in Islam.

1243 This is when the Trumpet will be blown for the second time, causing everyone to rise from the dead for judgment. See 39:68.

1244 This refers to Al-Walid ibn Al-Mughírah, a leader of Meccan opposition against Islam. See footnote for 64:10-16.

him abundant wealth, 13. and children always by his side, 14. and made life very easy for him. 15. Yet he is hungry for more. 16. But no! 'For' he has been truly stubborn with Our revelations. 17. I will make his fate unbearable, 18. for he contemplated and determined 'a degrading label for the Quran'. 19. May he be condemned! How evil was what he determined! 20. May he be condemned even more! How evil was what he determined! 21. Then he re-contemplated 'in frustration', 22. then frowned and scowled, 23. then turned his back 'on the truth' and acted arrogantly, 24. saying, "This 'Quran' is nothing but magic from the ancients. 25. This is no more than the word of a man." 26. Soon I will burn him in Hell! 27. And what will make you realize what Hell is? 28. It does not let anyone live or die,<sup>1245</sup> 29. scorching the skin. 30. It is overseen by nineteen 'keepers'.

### *The Nineteen Keepers of Hell*

31. We have appointed only 'stern' angels as wardens of the Fire. And We have made their number only as a test for the disbelievers,<sup>1246</sup> so that the People of the Book will be certain, and the believers will increase in faith, and neither the People of the Book nor the believers will have any doubts,

لَهُ مَا لَا حَمْدُودًا ۚ وَبَيْنَ شُهُودًا ۚ وَمَهَّدَتْ لَهُ  
تَمْهِيدًا ۚ ثُمَّ يَطْمَعُ أَنْ أَزِيدَ ۚ كَلَّا إِنَّهُ  
كَانَ لِأَيَّتِنَا عَنِيدًا ۚ سَأَرْهُقُهُ صَعُودًا ۚ إِنَّهُ  
فَكَرَ وَقَدَّرَ ۚ فَفُتِلَ كَيْفَ قَدَّرَ ۚ ثُمَّ قُتِلَ كَيْفَ  
قَدَّرَ ۚ ثُمَّ نَظَرَ ۚ ثُمَّ عَبَسَ وَبَسَرَ ۚ ثُمَّ أَدْبَرَ وَ  
اسْتَكْبَرَ ۚ فَقَالَ إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ يُؤْثَرُ ۚ إِنْ  
هَذَا إِلَّا قَوْلُ الْبَشَرِ ۚ سَأُصْلِيهِ سَقَرَ ۚ وَمَا  
أَدْرَاكَ مَا سَقَرُ ۚ لَا تُبْقِي وَلَا تَذَرُ ۚ لَوَاحٍ  
لِّلْبَشَرِ ۚ عَلَيْهَا تِسْعَةُ عَشْرَ ۚ وَمَا جَعَلْنَا أَصْحَابَ  
النَّارِ إِلَّا مَلَائِكَةً ۚ وَمَا جَعَلْنَا عِدَّتَهُمْ إِلَّا  
فِتْنَةً ۚ لِّلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۚ لَيْسَ تَقِينَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا  
الْكِتَابَ وَيَزْدَادَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِيمَانًا وَلَا يَرْتَابَ  
الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ ۚ وَلَيَقُولَ الَّذِينَ

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1245 Another possible translation: "It spares none and leaves nothing."

1246 Some pagans made fun of the Prophet (ﷺ) when they were told that the keepers of Hell are nineteen angels. One of them said mockingly to other pagans, "You take care of two angels and I will vanquish the rest all by myself."



فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ وَالْكَافِرُونَ مَاذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ  
 بِهَذَا مَثَلًا ۖ كَذَلِكَ يُضِلُّ اللَّهُ مَن يَشَاءُ وَ  
 يَهْدِي مَن يَشَاءُ ۖ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ جُنُودَ رَبِّكَ إِلَّا  
 هُوَ ۚ وَمَا هِيَ إِلَّا ذِكْرَى لِلْبَشَرِ ۚ كَلَّا وَالْقَمَرِ ۚ  
 وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا أَدْبَرَ ۚ وَالصُّبْحِ إِذَا أَصْفَرَ ۚ إِنَّهَا لَإِحْدَى  
 الْكُبَرِ ۚ نَذِيرًا لِلْبَشَرِ ۚ لِمَن شَاءَ مِنْكُم أَن  
 يَتَقَدَّمَ أَوْ يَتَأَخَّرَ ۚ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ رَهِينَةٌ ۚ  
 إِلَّا أَصْحَابَ الْيَمِينِ ۚ فِي جَنَّاتٍ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ۚ عَنِ  
 الْمُجْرِمِينَ ۚ مَا سَلَكَكُمْ فِي سَقَرٍ ۚ قَالُوا لَمْ  
 نَكُ مِنَ الْمَصْلِينَ ۚ وَلَمْ نَكُ نَطْعُمُ الْمُسْكِينِ ۚ  
 وَكُنَّا نَخُوضُ مَعَ الْخَائِضِينَ ۚ وَكُنَّا نُكَذِّبُ  
 بِيَوْمِ الدِّينِ ۚ حَتَّى أَتَانَا الْيَقِينُ ۚ فَمَا  
 تَنْفَعُهُمْ شَفَاعَةُ الشَّافِعِينَ ۚ فَمَا لَهُمْ عَنِ

and so that those 'hypocrites' with sickness in their hearts and the disbelievers will argue, "What does Allah mean by such a number?" In this way Allah leaves whoever He wills to stray and guides whoever He wills. And none knows the forces of your Lord except He. And this 'description of Hell' is only a reminder to humanity.

#### Warning of Hell

32. But no! By the moon, 33. and the night as it retreats, 34. and the day as it breaks! 35. Surely Hell is one of the mightiest catastrophes— 36. a warning to humankind, 37. to whichever of you chooses to take the lead or lag behind.

#### What Leads the Wicked to Hell

38. Every soul will be detained for what it has done, 39. except the people of the right, 40. who will be in Gardens, asking one another 41. about the wicked 'who will then be asked': 42. "What has landed you in Hell?" 43. They will reply, "We were not of those who prayed, 44. nor did we feed the poor. 45. We used to indulge 'in falsehood' along with others, 46. and deny the Day of Judgment, 47. until the inevitable came to us." 48. So the pleas of intercessors will be of no benefit to them.

#### Warning to Pagan Deniers

49. Now, what is the matter with them

that they are turning away from the reminder, 50. as if they were spooked zebras 51. fleeing from a lion? 52. In fact, each one of them wishes to be given a 'personal' letter 'from Allah' for all 'to read'.<sup>1247</sup> 53. But no! In fact, they do not fear the Hereafter. 54. Enough! Surely this 'Quran' is a reminder. 55. So let whoever wills be mindful of it. 56. But they cannot do so unless Allah wills. He 'alone' is worthy to be feared and entitled to forgive.

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### 75. The 'Rising for' Judgment (Al-Qiyamah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Warning to Deniers of Resurrection

1. I do swear by the Day of Judgment! 2. And I do swear by the self-reproaching soul! 3. Do people think We cannot reassemble their bones? 4. Yes 'indeed'! We are 'most' capable of restoring 'even' their very fingertips.<sup>1248</sup> 5. Still people want to deny what is yet to come, 6. asking 'mockingly', "When is this Day of Judgment?" 7. But when the sight is stunned, 8. and the moon is dimmed, 9. and the sun and the moon

التَّذْكَرَةِ مُعْرِضِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾ كَانَتْهُمْ حُمْرٌ مُسْتَنْفِرَةٌ ﴿٤٠﴾  
فَرَّتْ مِنْ قَسْوَرَةٍ ﴿٤١﴾ بَلْ يُرِيدُ كُلُّ امْرِئٍ  
مِنْهُمْ أَنْ يُؤْتَى صُحُفًا مُنشَرَةً ﴿٤٢﴾ كَلَّا بَلْ لَا  
يَخَافُونَ الْآخِرَةَ ﴿٤٣﴾ كَلَّا إِنَّهُ تَذْكِرَةٌ ﴿٤٤﴾ فَمَنْ  
شَاءَ ذَكَرْهُ ﴿٤٥﴾ وَمَا يَذْكُرُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ ط  
هُوَ أَهْلُ التَّقْوَى وَأَهْلُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ ﴿٤٦﴾

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لَا أَقْسِمُ بِيَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ ﴿٢﴾ وَلَا أَقْسِمُ بِالنَّفْسِ  
اللَّوَّامَةِ ﴿٣﴾ أَيْحَسِبُ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنْ نَجْمَعَ عِظَامَهُ ﴿٤﴾  
بَلَىٰ قَدَرِينٌ عَلَىٰ أَنْ تُسْوَىٰ بَنَانُهُ ﴿٥﴾ بَلْ يُرِيدُ  
الْإِنْسَانُ لِيَفْجُرَ أَمَامَهُ ﴿٦﴾ يَسْأَلُ أَيَّانَ يَوْمُ الْقِيَمَةِ ﴿٧﴾  
فَإِذَا بَرِقَ الْبَصَرُ ﴿٨﴾ وَخَسَفَ الْقَمَرُ ﴿٩﴾ وَجُمِعَ الشَّمْسُ

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1247 Another possible translation: "In fact, each of them wishes to be given a scripture open 'for all to read'." See 6:124.

1248 This refers to the fact that every human has a unique set of fingerprints.

are brought together,<sup>1249</sup> 10. on that Day one will cry, "Where is the escape?" 11. But no! There will be no refuge. 12. On that Day all will end up before your Lord. 13. All will then be informed of what they have sent forth and left behind. 14. In fact, people will testify against their own souls,<sup>1250</sup> 15. despite the excuses they come up with.

### *The Prophet's Rush to Memorize the Quran*

16. Do not rush your tongue trying to memorize 'a revelation of' the Quran. 17. It is certainly upon Us to 'make you' memorize and recite it. 18. So once We have recited a revelation 'through Gabriel', follow its recitation 'closely'. 19. Then it is surely upon Us to make it clear 'to you'.

### *Another Warning to the Deniers*

20. But no! In fact, you love this fleeting world, 21. and neglect the Hereafter. 22. On that Day 'some' faces will be bright, 23. looking at their Lord. 24. And 'other' faces will be gloomy, 25. anticipating something devastating to befall them.

### *Death of a Denier*

26. But no! 'Beware of the day' when the soul reaches the collar bone 'as it leaves', 27. and it will be said, "Is there any healer 'who can save this

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وَالْقَمَرُ يَقُولُ الْإِنْسَانُ يَوْمَئِذٍ أَيْنَ الْمَفْرُجُ ٩  
كَلَّا لَا وَزَرَ ١٠ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ يَوْمَئِذٍ الْمُسْتَقَرُّ ١١  
يُنَبِّئُ الْإِنْسَانُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بِمَا قَدَّمَ وَأَخَّرَ ١٢ بَلِ  
الْإِنْسَانُ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِهِ بَصِيرَةٌ ١٣ وَلَوْ أَلْفَىٰ مَعَادِيرَهُ ١٤  
لَا تُحَرِّكْ بِهِ لِسَانَكَ لِتَعْجَلَ بِهِ ١٥ إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا جَمْعَهُ  
وَقُرْآنَهُ ١٦ فَإِذَا قَرَأَهُ فَاتَّبِعْ قُرْآنَهُ ١٧ ثُمَّ إِنَّ  
عَلَيْنَا بَيَانَهُ ١٨ كَلَّا بَلْ تُحِبُّونَ الْعَاجِلَةَ ١٩ وَتَذَرُونَ  
الْآخِرَةَ ٢٠ وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ نَّاضِرَةٌ ٢١ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهَا  
نَاطِرَةٌ ٢٢ وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَاسِرَةٌ ٢٣ تَظُنُّ أَنْ  
يُفْعَلَ بِهَا فَاقِرَةٌ ٢٤ كَلَّا إِذَا بَلَغَتِ التَّرَاقِيَ ٢٥  
وَقِيلَ مَنْ سَاقٍ ٢٦ وَقِيلَ مَنْ سَاقٍ ٢٧ وَأَنَّهُ الْفِرَاقُ ٢٨ وَالتَّقَاتِ  
السَّاقُ بِالسَّاقِ ٢٩ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ يَوْمَئِذٍ الْمَسَاقُ ٣٠  
فَلَا صَدَقَ وَلَا صَلَّىٰ ٣١ وَلَكِنْ كَذَّبَ وَتَوَلَّىٰ ٣٢

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life"?" 28. And the dying person realizes it is 'their' time to depart, 29. and 'then' their feet are tied together 'in a shroud'. 30. On that day they will be driven to your Lord 'alone'. 31. This denier neither believed nor prayed, 32. but persisted in denial and turned away,

1249 They both will rise from the west and lose their light.

1250 Their organs will testify against them. See 41:19-24.

33. then went to their own people, walking boastfully. 34. Woe to you, and more woe! 35. Again, woe to you, and even more woe!

#### *Allah's Ability to Create and Resurrect*

36. Do people think they will be left without purpose? 37. Were they not 'once' a sperm-drop emitted? 38. Then they became a clinging clot 'of blood',<sup>1251</sup> then He developed and perfected their form, 39. producing from it both sexes, male and female. 40. Is such 'a Creator' unable to bring the dead back to life?



#### *76. Humans (Al-Insân)*

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### *Free Choice*

1. Is there not a period of time when each human is nothing yet worth mentioning?<sup>1252</sup> 2. 'For' indeed, We 'alone' created humans from a drop of mixed fluids,<sup>1253</sup> 'in order' to test them, so We made them hear and see. 3. We already showed them the Way, whether they 'choose to' be grateful or ungrateful.

#### *Reward of the Ungrateful*

4. Indeed, We have prepared for the disbelievers chains, shakles, and a blazing Fire.

#### *Reward of the Grateful*

5. Indeed, the virtuous will have a drink 'of pure wine'—flavoured with camphor— 6. 'from' a spring

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ثُمَّ ذَهَبَ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ يَمَظِي ٣٣ أُولَىٰ لَكَ فَأُولَىٰ ٣٢ ثُمَّ أُولَىٰ  
 لَكَ فَأُولَىٰ ٣٥ أَيَحْسَبُ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنْ يُتْرَكَ سُدَىٰ ٣٦  
 أَلَمْ يَكُنْ نُطْفَةً مِنْ مَّنِيٍّ يُمْنَىٰ ٣٧ ثُمَّ كَانَ عَلَقَةً  
 فَخَلَقَ فَسَوَّىٰ ٣٨ فَجَعَلَ مِنْهُ الزَّوْجَيْنِ الذَّكَرَ  
 الْإُنْثَىٰ ٣٩ أَلَيْسَ ذَلِكَ بِقَدِيرٍ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَىٰ ٤٠

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هَلْ أَتَىٰ عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ حِينٌ مِّنَ الدَّهْرِ لَمْ يَكُنْ  
 شَيْئًا مَّذْكُورًا ١ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ  
 أَمْشَاجٍ ٢ نَّبْتَلِيهِ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا ٣ إِنَّا هَدَيْنَاهُ  
 السَّبِيلَ إِمَّا شَاكِرًا وَإِمَّا كَفُورًا ٤ إِنَّا أَعْتَدْنَا  
 لِلْكَافِرِينَ سَلَاسِلًا وَأَغْلَالًا وَسَعِيرًا ٥ إِنَّ الْأَبْرَارَ  
 يَشْرَبُونَ مِنْ كَأْسٍ كَانَ مِزَاجُهَا كَافُورًا ٦ عَيْنًا

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1251 'Alaqah, meaning the embryo resembles a leech.

1252 This is the time before a human comes into being and as an embryo.

1253 The mixture of male and female gametes (sperm and egg) which form the zygote after fertilization.

يَشْرَبُ بِهَا عِبَادُ اللَّهِ يُفَجِّرُونَهَا تَفْجِيرًا ۖ يُوفُونَ  
 بِالنَّذْرِ وَيَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا كَانَ شَرُّهُ مُسْتَطِيرًا ۖ  
 وَيُطْعِمُونَ الطَّعَامَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ مِسْكِينًا وَيَتِيمًا  
 وَأَسِيرًا ۚ إِنَّمَا نَطْعِمُكُمْ لَوَجْهِ اللَّهِ لَا نُرِيدُ مِنْكُمْ  
 جَزَاءً وَلَا شُكُورًا ۖ إِنَّا نَخَافُ مِنْ رَبِّنَا يَوْمًا  
 عَبُوسًا قَمْطَرِيرًا ۚ فَوْقَهُمْ اللَّهُ شَرَّ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ  
 وَلَقَهُمْ نَصْرَةٌ وَسُرُورًا ۗ وَجَزَّاهُمْ بِمَا صَبَرُوا  
 جَنَّةً وَحَرِيرًا ۚ مُتَّكِئِينَ فِيهَا عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ ؕ  
 لَا يَرَوْنَ فِيهَا شَمْسًا وَلَا زَمْهَرِيرًا ۚ وَدَانِيَةً  
 عَلَيْهِمْ ظِلُّهَا وَذُلَّتْ قُطُوفُهَا تَذَلِيلًا ۚ  
 وَيُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِانِيَةٍ مِّنْ فِضَّةٍ وَأَكْوَابٍ  
 كَانَتْ قَوَارِيرًا ۚ قَوَارِيرًا مِّنْ فِضَّةٍ قَدَّرُوهَا  
 تَقْدِيرًا ۚ وَيُسْقَوْنَ فِيهَا كَأْسًا كَانَ مِزَاجُهَا

where Allah's servants will drink, flowing at their will. 7. They 'are those who' fulfil 'their' vows and fear a Day of sweeping horror, 8. and give food—despite their desire for it—to the poor, the orphan, and the captive, 9. 'saying to themselves,' "We feed you only for the sake of Allah, seeking neither reward nor thanks from you. 10. We fear from our Lord a horribly distressful Day." 11. So Allah will deliver them from the horror of that Day, and grant them radiance and joy, 12. and reward them for their perseverance with a Garden 'in Paradise' and 'garments of' silk.

#### Pleasures in Paradise

13. There they will be reclining on 'canopied' couches, never seeing scorching heat or bitter cold.<sup>1254</sup>

14. The Garden's shade will be right above them, and its fruit will be made very easy to reach. 15. They will be waited on with silver vessels and cups of crystal— 16. crystalline silver filled precisely as desired. 17. And they will be given a drink 'of pure wine' flavoured

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with ginger 18. from a spring there, called *Salsabil*. 19. They will be waited on by eternal youths. If you saw them, you would think they were scattered pearls. 20. And if you looked around, you would see 'indescribable' bliss and a vast kingdom. 21. The virtuous will be 'dressed' in garments of fine green silk and rich brocade, and adorned with bracelets of silver, and their Lord will give them a purifying drink.<sup>1255</sup> 22. 'And they will be told,' "All this is surely a reward for you. Your striving has been appreciated."

#### Reassuring the Prophet

23. Indeed, it is We Who have revealed the Quran to you 'O Prophet' in stages. 24. So be patient with your Lord's decree, and do not yield to any evildoer or 'staunch' disbeliever from among them. 25. 'Always' remember the Name of your Lord morning and evening, 26. and prostrate before Him during part of the night,<sup>1256</sup> and glorify Him long at night.<sup>1257</sup>

#### A Message to the Deniers

27. Surely those 'pagans' love this fleeting world, 'totally' neglecting a weighty Day ahead of them. 28. It is We Who created them and perfected their 'physical' form. But if We will, We can easily replace them

زُنُجَيْلًا ۝ عَيْنًا فِيهَا تُسَمَّى سَلْسَبِيلًا ۝ وَ  
يَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ وِلْدَانٌ مُّخَلَّدُونَ ۚ إِذَا رَأَيْتَهُمْ  
حَسِبْتَهُمْ لُؤْلُؤًا مَّنثُورًا ۝ وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَ ثَمَّ رَأَيْتَ  
نَعِيمًا وَمُلَكًا كَبِيرًا ۝ عَلَيْهِمْ ثِيَابٌ سُنْدُسٌ  
خُضْرٌ ۚ وَاسْتَبْرَقُ نَوْحَلًا ۚ أَسَاوِرٌ مِنْ فِضَّةٍ وَسَقَمُ  
رَبِّهِمْ شَرَابًا طَهُورًا ۝ إِنَّ هَذَا كَانَ لَكُمْ جَزَاءً  
وَكَانَ سَعْيُكُمْ مَشْكُورًا ۝ إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ  
الْقُرْآنَ تَنْزِيلًا ۝ فَاصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ وَلَا تَطْعُ  
مِنْهُمْ اثْمًا ۚ أَوْ كُفُورًا ۝ وَادْكُرْ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ بُكْرَةً  
وَآصِيلًا ۝ وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَسُجِّدْ لَهُ وَسَبِّحْهُ  
لَيْلًا طَوِيلًا ۝ إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ يُحِبُّونَ الْعَاجِلَةَ وَ  
يَذَرُونَ وَرَاءَهُمْ يَوْمًا ثَقِيلًا ۝ نَحْنُ خَلَقْنَاهُمْ  
وَشَدَدْنَا أَسْرَهُمْ ۚ وَإِذَا شِئْنَا بَدَّلْنَا أَمْثَالَهُمْ

تَبْدِيلًا

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1255 The word *tahūr* implies that once the believers take that pure drink, there will be no bad feelings in their hearts or ailments in their bodies.

1256 This verse refers to the five daily prayers: the dawn prayer, then noon and afternoon prayers, then sunset and late evening prayers, respectively.

1257 Extra prayers offered at night. See 73:20.

تَبْدِيلًا ۝ إِنَّ هَذِهِ تَذْكِرَةٌ ۚ فَمَنْ شَاءَ  
 اتَّخَذْ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِ سَبِيلًا ۝ وَمَا تَشَاءُونَ إِلَّا  
 أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا ۝  
 يَدْخُلُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ فِي رَحْمَتِهِ ۚ وَالظَّالِمِينَ  
 أَعَدَّ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ۝

أَيَّامُهَا ٥٠ ﴿٤٤﴾ سُورَةُ الْمُرْسَلَاتِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿٣٣﴾ رُكُوعَاتُهَا ٢

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وَالْمُرْسَلَاتِ عُرْفًا ۝ فَالْعَصْفِ عَصْفًا ۝  
 وَالنَّشْرِ نَشْرًا ۝ فَالْفَرْقِ فَرْقًا ۝  
 فَالْمُلْقِي ذِكْرًا ۝ عُدْرًا أَوْ نَذْرًا ۝  
 إِنَّمَا تُوعَدُونَ لَوَاقِعٌ ۝ فَإِذَا النُّجُومُ طُمِسَتْ ۝  
 وَإِذَا السَّمَاءُ فُرِجَتْ ۝ وَإِذَا الْجِبَالُ سُفَّتْ ۝  
 وَإِذَا الرَّسُلُ أَقْدَتْ ۝ لِأَيِّ يَوْمٍ أُجِّلَتْ ۝

with others. 29. Surely this is a reminder. So let whoever wills take the 'Right' Way to their Lord. 30. But you cannot will 'to do so' unless Allah wills. Allah is truly All-Knowing, All-Wise. 31. He admits whoever He wills into His mercy. As for the wrongdoers, He has prepared for them a painful punishment



### 77. Those 'Winds' Sent Forth (Al-Mursalât)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Judgment Day Is Inevitable

1. By those 'winds' sent forth successively, 2. and those blowing violently, 3. and those scattering 'rainclouds' widely! 4. And 'by' those 'angels' fully distinguishing 'truth from falsehood', 5. and those delivering revelation, 6. ending excuses and giving warnings. 7. Surely, what you are promised will come to pass.

#### Horrors of Judgment Day

8. So when the stars are put out, 9. and the sky is torn apart, 10. and the mountains are blown away, 11. and the messengers' time 'to testify' comes up— 12. for which Day has all this been set?

13. For the Day of 'Final' Decision!  
14. And what will make you realize  
what the Day of Decision is? 15. Woe  
on that Day to the deniers!

#### Allah's Infinite Power

16. Did We not destroy earlier dis-  
believers? 17. And We will make  
the later disbelievers follow them.  
18. This is how We deal with the  
wicked. 19. Woe on that Day to the  
deniers! 20. Did We not create you  
from a humble fluid, 21. placing it in  
a secure place 22. until an appointed  
time?<sup>1258</sup> 23. We 'perfectly' ordained  
'its development'. How excellent  
are We in doing so! 24. Woe on that  
Day to the deniers! 25. Have We not  
made the earth a lodging 26. for the  
living and the dead, 27. and placed  
upon it towering, firm mountains,  
and given you fresh water to drink?  
28. Woe on that Day to the deniers!

#### Bad News to the Deniers of Hell

29. 'The disbelievers will be told,'  
'Proceed into that 'Fire' which you  
used to deny! 30. Proceed into the  
shade 'of smoke' which rises in  
three columns, 31. providing neither  
coolness nor shelter from the flames.  
32. Indeed, it hurls sparks 'as big' as  
huge castles,

لِيَوْمِ الْفَصْلِ ۚ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا يَوْمُ الْفَصْلِ ۚ  
وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ۚ أَلَمْ تَهْلِكِ الْأَوَّلِينَ ۚ  
ثُمَّ نُنشِئُهُمُ الْآخِرِينَ ۚ كَذَلِكَ نَفْعَلُ  
بِالْمُجْرِمِينَ ۚ وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ۚ أَلَمْ  
نَخْلُقْكُمْ مِنْ مَّاءٍ مَّهِينٍ ۚ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ فِي قَرَارٍ  
مَكِينٍ ۚ إِلَى قَدَرٍ مَعْلُومٍ ۚ فَقَدَرْنَا ۖ فَنِعْمَ  
الْقَادِرُونَ ۚ وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ۚ  
أَلَمْ نَجْعَلِ الْأَرْضَ كِفَاتًا ۚ أَحْيَاءً وَأَمْوَاتًا ۚ  
وَجَعَلْنَا فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ شِجَاتٍ ۚ وَأَسْقَيْنَاكُمْ مَاءً  
فُرَاتًا ۚ وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ۚ انْطَلِقُوا  
إِلَى مَا كُنتُمْ بِهِ تُكَذِّبُونَ ۚ انْطَلِقُوا إِلَى  
ظِلِّ ذِي تِلْكَ شَعْبٍ ۚ لَا ظَلِيلٍ وَلَا يُغْنِي  
مِنَ اللَّهَبِ ۚ إِنَّهَا تَرْمِي بِشَرِّ كَالْقَصْرِ ۚ

كَانَتْ جُمَلًا

مَنْزِلٌ



كَأَنَّهُ جِمَلَتٌ صَفَرٌ ۚ وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾

هَذَا يَوْمٌ لَا يَنْطِقُونَ ۚ وَلَا يُؤْذَنُ لَهُمْ فَيَعْتَذِرُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ هَذَا يَوْمُ الْفَصْلِ ۚ

جَمَعْنَاكُمْ وَالْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَكُمْ كَيْدٌ

فَكِيدُوا ۚ وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾

إِنَّ الْمَتَّقِينَ فِي ظِلِّ وَعُيُونٍ ۚ وَفُؤَاكِهِ مِمَّا

يَشْتَهُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾ كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا هَنِيئًا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ

تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾ إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾

وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٤١﴾ كُلُوا وَتَمَتَّعُوا

فَلِيلًا إِنَّكُمْ مُّجْرِمُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ

لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ ارْكَعُوا

لَا يَرْكَعُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

فَبِأَيِّ حَدِيثٍ بَعْدَهُ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾

33. and 'as dark' as black camels.<sup>1259</sup>

34. Woe on that Day to the deniers!

35. On that Day they will not 'be in a position to' speak, 36. nor will they be permitted to offer excuses. 37. Woe on that Day to the deniers! 38. 'They will be told by Allah,' 'This is the Day of 'Final' Decision: We have gathered you along with earlier disbelievers 'for punishment'. 39. So if you have a scheme 'to save yourselves', then use it against Me." 40. Woe on that Day to the deniers!

#### Good News for the Believers

41. Indeed, the righteous will be amid 'cool' shade and springs 42. and any fruit they desire. 43. 'They will be told,' 'Eat and drink happily for what you used to do.' 44. Surely this is how We reward the good-doers. 45. 'But' woe on that Day to the deniers!

#### Warning to the Deniers

46. "Eat and enjoy yourselves for a little while, 'for' you are truly wicked." 47. Woe on that Day to the deniers! 48. When it is said to them, "Bow down 'before Allah," they do not bow. 49. Woe on that Day to the deniers! 50. So what message after this 'Quran' would they believe in?

<sup>1259</sup> lit., yellow camels. Black camels' hair glistens yellow in sunlight.

78. *The Momentous News*  
(*An-Naba'*)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Pagans Mock the Truth*

1. What are they asking one another about? 2. About the momentous news, 3. over which they disagree.<sup>1260</sup> 4. But no! They will come to know. 5. Again, no! They will come to know.

*Miracle of Allah's Creation*

6. Have We not smoothed out the earth 'like a bed', 7. and 'made' the mountains as 'its' pegs,<sup>1261</sup> 8. and created you in pairs, 9. and made your sleep for rest, 10. and made the night as a cover, 11. and made the day for livelihood, 12. and built above you seven mighty 'heavens', 13. and placed in them a shining lamp, 14. and sent down from rain-clouds pouring water, 15. producing by it grain and 'various' plants, 16. and dense orchards?

*Horrors of Judgment Day*

17. Indeed, the Day of 'Final' Decision is an appointed time— 18. 'it is' the Day the Trumpet will be blown, and you will 'all' come forth in crowds. 19. The sky will be 'split' open, becoming 'many' gates, 20. and the mountains will be blown away, becoming 'like' a mirage.

*Punishment of the Disbelievers*

21. Indeed, Hell is lying in ambush 22. as a home for the transgressors, 23. where they will remain for 'endless' ages. 24. There they will not taste any coolness or drink,

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سُورَةُ النَّبَاِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٨٠) نُبُوَاهُمَا ٢

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

عَمَّ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ۚ عَنِ النَّبَاِ الْعَظِيمِ ۚ الَّذِي هُمْ فِيهِ  
مُخْتَلِفُونَ ۚ كَلَّا سَيَعْلَمُونَ ۚ ثُمَّ كَلَّا سَيَعْلَمُونَ ۚ أَلَمْ يَجْعَلِ  
الْأَرْضَ مِهْدًا ۚ وَالْجِبَالَ أَوْتَادًا ۚ وَخَلَقْنَكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا ۚ  
وَجَعَلْنَا نَوْمَكُمْ سُبَاتًا ۚ وَجَعَلْنَا اللَّيْلَ لِبَاسًا ۚ وَجَعَلْنَا  
النَّهَارَ مَعَاشًا ۚ وَبَنَيْنَا فَوْقَكُمْ سَبْعًا شَدَادًا ۚ وَجَعَلْنَا  
سِرَاجًا وَهَّاجًا ۚ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ الْمُعْصِرَاتِ مَاءً ثَجَّاجًا ۚ  
لِنُخْرِجَ بِهِ حَبًّا وَنَبَاتًا ۚ وَجِئَتْ الْآفَاقُ ۚ إِنَّ يَوْمَ الْفُصْلِ  
كَانَ مُيَقَاتًا ۚ يَوْمَ يُنفَخُ فِي الصُّورِ فَتَأْتُونَ أَفْوَاجًا ۚ وَ  
فُتِحَتِ السَّمَاءُ فَكَانَتْ أَبْوَابًا ۚ وَسُيِّرَتِ الْجِبَالُ فَكَانَتْ  
سَرَابًا ۚ إِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ كَانَتْ مِرْصَادًا ۚ لِلطَّاغِينَ مَابًا ۚ  
لِئَلَّيْنِ فِيهَا أَحْقَابًا ۚ لَا يَدْخُلُونَهَا فِيهَا بَرْدٌ وَلَا شَرَابًا ۚ

الْأَحْمِيْمَا مِثْلُ ٤

1260 The pagans used to mock the teachings of the Quran (e.g., resurrection and judgment). They disagreed whether the Quran was magic, poetry, or fortune-telling.

1261 Just like tent pegs and icebergs, mountains go deep below the surface, slowing tectonic movement.

الْأَحْيَاءُ وَالْأَمْوَاتُ ۚ جَزَاءٌ وَّفَاقًا ۖ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا لَا يَرْجُونَ  
 حِسَابًا ۖ وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا كِذَّابًا ۖ وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ أَحْصَيْنَاهُ  
 كِتَابًا ۖ فَذُوقُوا فَلَنْ نَّزِيدَكُمْ إِلَّا عَذَابًا ۖ إِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ  
 مَفَازًا ۖ حَدَائِقَ وَأَعْنَابًا ۖ وَكَوَاعِبَ أَتْرَابًا ۖ وَكَأْسًا  
 دِهَاقًا ۖ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ فِيهَا لَغْوًا وَلَا كِذَّابًا ۖ جَزَاءٌ مِّن رَّبِّكَ عَطَاءٌ  
 حِسَابًا ۖ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا الرَّحْمَنُ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ  
 مِنْهُ خِطَابًا ۖ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الرُّوحُ وَالْبَهِيمَةُ صَفًّا ۖ لَا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ  
 إِلَّا مَن أِذْنُ لَهُ الرَّحْمَنُ وَقَالَ صَوَابًا ۖ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمُ الْحَقُّ ۖ فَمَن  
 شَاءَ اتَّخَذْ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِ مَآبًا ۖ إِنَّا أَنْذَرْنَكُمْ عَذَابًا قَرِيبًا ۖ يَوْمَ يُنْظَرُ  
 الْهَرَّةُ مَا قَدَّمَتْ يَدَهُ وَيَقُولُ الْكَافِرُ لِيَلَيْتَنِي كُنْتُ تُرَابًا ۖ

﴿آيَاتُهَا ٣٦﴾ ﴿٤٩﴾ سُورَةُ النَّازِعَاتِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿٨١﴾ ﴿كُتُبُهَا ٢﴾  
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالنَّازِعَاتِ غَرْقًا ۖ وَالنَّشُطَاتِ نَشْطًا ۖ وَالسُّبْحَاتِ

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25. except boiling water and 'oozing' pus— 26. a fitting reward. 27. For they never expected any reckoning, 28. and totally rejected Our signs. 29. And We have everything recorded precisely. 30. "So the deniers will be told," "Taste 'the punishment', for all you will get from Us is more torment."

#### Reward of the Believers

31. Indeed, the righteous will have salvation— 32. Gardens, vineyards, 33. and full-bosomed maidens of equal age, 34. and full cups 'of pure wine', 35. never to hear any idle talk or lying therein—36. a 'fitting' reward as a generous gift from your Lord, 37. the Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything in between, the Most Compassionate. No one will dare speak to Him 38. on the Day the 'holy' spirit<sup>1262</sup> and the angels will stand in ranks. None will talk, except those granted permission by the Most Compassionate and whose words are true. 39. That Day is the 'ultimate' truth. So let whoever wills take the path leading back to their Lord.

#### Wake-up Call to Humanity

40. Indeed, We have warned you of an imminent punishment—the Day every person will see 'the consequences of' what their hands have done, and the disbelievers will cry, "I wish I were dust."



#### 79. Those 'Angels' Stripping out 'Souls' (An-Nāzi'āt)

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### The Hereafter Is Inevitable

1. By those 'angels' stripping out 'evil souls' harshly, 2. and those pulling out 'good souls' gently, 3. and those

<sup>1262</sup> i.e., the angel Gabriel.

gliding 'through heavens' swiftly, 4. and those taking the lead vigorously, 5. and those conducting affairs 'obediently'! 6. 'Consider' the Day 'when' the quaking Blast will come to pass,<sup>1263</sup> 7. followed by a second Blast. 8. 'The deniers'' hearts on that Day will be trembling 'in horror', 9. with their eyes downcast. 10. 'But now' they ask 'mockingly', "Will we really be restored to our former state, 11. even after we have been reduced to decayed bones?" 12. They add, "Then such a return would be a 'total' loss 'for us'!" 13. But indeed, it will take only one 'mighty' Blast, 14. and at once they will be above ground.

#### Pharaoh Destroyed for Denial

15. Has the story of Moses reached you 'O Prophet'? 16. His Lord called him in the sacred valley of Tuwa, 17. 'commanding,' "Go to Pharaoh, for he has truly transgressed 'all bounds'. 18. And say, 'Would you 'be willing to' purify yourself, 19. and let me guide you to your Lord so that you will be in awe 'of Him'?" 20. Then Moses showed him the great sign,<sup>1264</sup> 21. but he denied and disobeyed 'Allah', 22. then turned his back, striving 'against the truth'. 23. Then he summoned 'his people' and called out, 24. saying, "I am your lord, the most high!" 25. So Allah overtook him, making him an example in this life and the next. 26. Surely in this is a lesson for whoever stands in awe of 'Allah'.

سَبَّحًا ۖ فَالْسَّيِّئَاتِ سَبْقًا ۖ فَالْمَدْبَرَاتِ ۖ أَمَّا يَوْمَ  
تَرْجُفُ الرَّاجِفَةُ ۖ تَتَّبِعُهَا الرَّادِفَةُ ۖ قُلُوبٌ  
يَوْمَئِذٍ وَاجِفَةٌ ۖ أَبْصَارُهَا خَاشِعَةٌ ۖ يَقُولُونَ  
ءَاِنَّا لَمَرْدُودُونَ فِي الْحَافِرَةِ ۖ ءَاِذَا كُنَّا عِظَامًا تَخَرَّةً ۖ  
قَالُوْا اِنَّكَ اِذَا كُنْتَ خَاسِرَةً ۖ فَاتَّبَعْنَا هِيَ زَجْرَةً وَاحِدَةً ۖ  
فَاِذَا هُمْ بِالسَّاهِرَةِ ۖ هَلْ اَتَيْكَ حَدِيثُ مُوسٰى ۖ  
اِذْ نَادَاهُ رَبُّهُ بِالْوَادِ الْمُقَدَّسِ طُوًى ۖ اِذْهَبْ اِلَى  
فِرْعَوْنَ ۖ اِنَّهُ طَغٰى ۖ فَقُلْ هَلْ لَّكَ اِلٰى اَنْ تَرْكَبَ ۖ  
وَاَهْدِيْكَ اِلَى رَبِّكَ فَتَخْشٰى ۖ فَاَرٰهُ الْاٰيَةَ الْكُبْرٰى ۖ  
فَكَذَّبَ وَعَصٰى ۖ ثُمَّ اَدْبَرَ يَسْعٰى ۖ فَحَشَرَ فَنَادٰى ۖ  
فَقَالَ اَنَا رَبُّكُمْ اِلٰهً ۖ فَآخَذَهُ اللّٰهُ نَكَالَ الْاُخْرٰى  
وَالْاُولٰى ۖ اِنَّ فِىْ ذٰلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِّمَنْ يَّخْشٰى ۖ  
ءَاَنْتُمْ اَشَدُّ خَلْقًا اَمِ السَّمَاءُ بَنٰىهَا ۖ رَفَعَ سَمَكُمَا  
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#### Resurrection Is Easier than Creation

27. Which is harder to create: you or the sky?<sup>1265</sup> He built it, 28. raising it high and forming it flawlessly.

1263 The first Blast will cause everyone to die except those spared by Allah. Then the second one will cause the dead to come to life for judgment. See 39:68.

1264 The staff turning into a snake. See 20:17-23.

1265 This is from a human perspective. Otherwise, both the creation of the universe and the resurrection of humans are easy for Allah.

فَسَوَّيْنَاهَا ۖ وَأَغْطَشَ لَيْلَهَا وَأَخْرَجَ ضُحَاهَا ۖ وَالْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ  
 ذَلِكَ دَحَاهَا ۖ أَخْرَجَ مِنْهَا مَاءَهَا وَمَرْعُهَا ۖ وَالْجِبَالَ  
 أَرْسَاهَا ۖ مَتَاعًا لَّكُمْ وَلِإِنْعَامِكُمْ ۖ فَإِذَا جَاءَتِ الطَّائِفَةُ  
 الْكُذِبَىٰ ۖ يَوْمَ تَبْيَضُّ كُؤُورُ الْإِنْسَانِ مَا سَمِعَىٰ ۖ وَبُورَّتِ الْحُجُومُ  
 لِمَنْ يَرَىٰ ۖ فَأَمَّا مَنْ طَغَىٰ ۖ وَآثَرَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا ۖ فَإِنَّ  
 الْحُجُومَ هِيَ الْبَاوَىٰ ۖ وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ وَنَهَى  
 النَّفْسَ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ۖ فَإِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ هِيَ الْبَاوَىٰ ۖ يُسْأَلُونَكَ  
 عَنِ السَّاعَةِ أَيَّانَ مُرْسُهَا ۖ فَيَوْمَ أَنْتَ مِنْ ذِكْرِهَا ۖ  
 إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ مُنْتَهَاهَا ۖ إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُنْذِرٌ مَّنْ يَخْشَاهَا ۖ  
 كَانَتْهُمْ يَوْمَ يُرَوَّنَهَا لَمْ يَلْبَثُوا إِلَّا عَشِيَّةً أَوْ ضُحَاهَا ۖ

(٨٠) سُورَةُ عَبَسَ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٢٢) رُكُوعًا ١

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عَبَسَ وَتَوَلَّى ۖ أَنْ جَاءَهُ الْأَعْمَىٰ ۖ وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّهُ

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29. He dimmed its night, and brought forth its daylight. 30. As for the earth, He spread it out as well,<sup>1266</sup> 31. bringing forth its water and pastures 32. and setting the mountains firmly 'upon it'—33. all as 'a means of' sustenance for you and your animals.

### Horrors of Judgment Day

34. But, when the Supreme Disaster<sup>1267</sup> comes to pass—35. the Day every person will remember all 'their' striving, 36. and the Hellfire will be displayed for all to see—37. then as for those who transgressed 38. and preferred the 'fleeting' life of this world, 39. the Hellfire will certainly be 'their' home. 40. And as for those who were in awe of standing before their Lord and restrained themselves from 'evil' desires, 41. Paradise will certainly be 'their' home.

### The Deniers' Mocking Question

42. They ask you 'O Prophet', regarding the Hour, "When will it be?" 43. But it is not for you to tell its time.<sup>1268</sup> 44. That knowledge rests with your Lord 'alone'. 45. Your duty is only to warn whoever is in awe of it. 46. On the Day they see it, it will be as if they had stayed 'in the world' no more than one evening or its morning.

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80. He Frowned ('Abasa)

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### A Lesson to the Prophet<sup>1269</sup>

1. He frowned and turned 'his attention' away, 2. 'simply' because the blind man came to him 'interrupting'. 3. You never

1266 The Arabic verb *daha* also suggests that the earth is egg-shaped. The noun form *dihya* is still used in some Arab dialects to mean an egg. Based on 2:29, 41:9-12, and 79:27-33, Allah ordained both realms, then formed the earth and created its provisions, then formed the heaven into seven heavens—all in six 'heavenly' Days. See footnote for 7:54.

1267 This is the second Blast which will cause the dead to come to life for judgment. See 39:68.

1268 Another possible translation: "What is this question? You 'O Prophet' are one of its signs." It is believed—based on authentic narrations from the Prophet—that he (ﷺ) is one of the signs of the Day of Judgment.

1269 This passage, along with others that are critical of some things the Prophet (ﷺ) did (such as 66:1), proves that the Prophet (ﷺ) delivered the revelations in all honesty.

know 'O Prophet', perhaps he may be purified, 4. or he may be mindful, benefitting from the reminder. 5. As for the one who was indifferent, 6. you gave him your 'undivided' attention, 7. even though you are not to blame if he would not be purified. 8. But as for the one who came to you, eager 'to learn', 9. being in awe 'of Allah', 10. you were inattentive to him. 11. But no! This 'revelation' is truly a reminder. 12. So let whoever wills be mindful of it. 13. It is 'written' on pages held in honour— 14. highly esteemed, purified— 15. by the hands of angel-scribes, 16. honourable and virtuous.

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يَرْكَبُ ٣٠ أَوْ يَذَّكَّرُ فَتَنْفَعَهُ الذِّكْرَى ٣١ أَمَّا مَنْ اسْتُغْنِيَ ٣٢  
فَأَنْتَ لَهُ تَصَدَّى ٣٣ وَمَا عَلَيْكَ أَلَّا يَرْكَبُ ٣٤ وَأَمَّا مَنْ جَاءَكَ  
يَسْعَى ٣٥ وَهُوَ يَخْشَى ٣٦ فَأَنْتَ عَنْهُ تَلَهَّى ٣٧ كَلَّا إِنَّهَا  
تَذْكِرَةٌ ٣٨ فَمَنْ شَاءَ ذَكَرْهُ ٣٩ فِي صُحُفٍ مُكَرَّمَةٍ ٤٠ مَرْفُوعَةٍ  
مُطَهَّرَةٍ ٤١ بِأَيْدِي سَفَرَةٍ ٤٢ كِرَامٍ بَرَرَةٍ ٤٣ قَتَلَ الْإِنْسَانَ  
مَا أَكْفَرَهُ ٤٤ مِنْ أَيِّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقَهُ ٤٥ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ ٤٦  
خَلَقَهُ فَقَدَّرَهُ ٤٧ ثُمَّ السَّبِيلَ يَسَّرَهُ ٤٨ ثُمَّ أَمَانَهُ فَأَقْبَرَهُ ٤٩  
ثُمَّ إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْشَرَهُ ٥٠ كَلَّا لَمَّا يَقْضِ مَا أَمَرَهُ ٥١ فَلْيَنْظُرِ  
الْإِنْسَانُ إِلَى طَعَامِهِ ٥٢ أَنَا صَبَّبْنَا اللَّيْلَاءَ صَبًّا ٥٣ ثُمَّ شَقَقْنَا  
الْأَرْضَ شَقًّا ٥٤ فَانْبَثْنَا فِيهَا حَبًّا ٥٥ وَعَنْبًا وَقَضْبًا ٥٦  
وَزَيْتُونًا وَنَخْلًا ٥٧ وَحَدَائِقَ غُلَبًا ٥٨ وَفَاكِهَةً وَأَبًّا ٥٩  
مَتَاعًا لَكُمْ وَلِإِنْعَامِكُمْ ٦٠ فَإِذَا جَاءَتِ الصَّاعَةُ ٦١  
يَوْمَ يَفِرُّ الْبَرُّ مِنْ أَخِيهِ ٦٢ وَأُمُّهُ وَأَبِيهِ ٦٣ وَصَاحِبَتِهِ

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in it, 28. as well as grapes and greens, 29. and olives and palm trees, 30. and dense orchards, 31. and fruit and fodder— 32. all as 'a means of' sustenance for you and your animals.

### The Overwhelming Day

33. Then, when the Deafening Blast<sup>1272</sup> comes to pass— 34. on that Day every person will flee from their own siblings, 35. and 'even' their mother and father, 36. and 'even'

1270 The way to true guidance or the way out of their mothers' wombs.

1271 Burial is perceived as a way of honouring human beings after their death.

1272 This is the second Blast which will cause the dead to come to life for judgment. See 39:68.

وَبِذِيهِ ۖ لِكُلِّ أَمْرٍ قَنَظٌ ۚ يَوْمَئِذٍ شَأْنٌ يُغْنِيهِ ۖ<sup>٣٨</sup>  
 وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ مُّسْفِرَةٌ ۖ ضَاحِكَةٌ مُّسْتَبْشِرَةٌ ۖ<sup>٣٩</sup>  
 وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَلَيْهَا غَبَرَةٌ ۖ تَرْهَقُهَا قَتَرَةٌ ۖ<sup>٤٠</sup>  
 أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرَةُ الْفَجَرَةُ ۖ<sup>٤١</sup>

﴿الْأَنْعَامُ ٢٩﴾ ﴿الْحُجُّ ٨١﴾ سُورَةُ التَّكْوِيمِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٤) ﴿رُومُهَا ١﴾  
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إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ ۖ<sup>١</sup> وَإِذَا النُّجُومُ انْكَدَرَتْ ۖ<sup>٢</sup> وَإِذَا الْجِبَالُ  
 سُيِّرَتْ ۖ<sup>٣</sup> وَإِذَا الْعِشَارُ عُطِّلَتْ ۖ<sup>٤</sup> وَإِذَا الْوُحُوشُ حُشِرَتْ ۖ<sup>٥</sup>  
 وَإِذَا الْبِحَارُ سُجِّرَتْ ۖ<sup>٦</sup> وَإِذَا النُّفُوسُ زُوِّجَتْ ۖ<sup>٧</sup> وَإِذَا  
 الْمَوْدُودَةُ سُيِّلَتْ ۖ<sup>٨</sup> بِأَيِّ ذَنْبٍ قُتِلَتْ ۖ<sup>٩</sup> وَإِذَا الصُّحُفُ  
 نُشِرَتْ ۖ<sup>١٠</sup> وَإِذَا السَّمَاءُ كُشِطَتْ ۖ<sup>١١</sup> وَإِذَا الْجَحِيمُ سُعِّرَتْ ۖ<sup>١٢</sup>  
 وَإِذَا الْجَنَّةُ أُزْلِفَتْ ۖ<sup>١٣</sup> عَلِمَتْ نَفْسٌ مَّا أَحْضَرَتْ ۖ<sup>١٤</sup> فَلَا  
 أَقْبِمُ بِالْخُسْرَى ۖ<sup>١٥</sup> الْجَوَارِ الْكُنُوسِ ۖ<sup>١٦</sup> وَالْيَلِيلُ إِذَا عَسْعَسَتْ ۖ<sup>١٧</sup>

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↑ their spouse and children. 37. For then everyone will have enough concern of their own. 38. On that Day 'some' faces will be bright, 39. laughing and rejoicing, 40. while 'other' faces will be dusty, 41. cast in gloom— 42. those are the disbelievers, the 'wicked' sinners.

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### 81. Putting out 'the Sun' (At-Takwir)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Horrors of the Apocalypse

1. When the sun is put out, 2. and when the stars fall down, 3. and when the mountains are blown away, 4. and when pregnant camels are left untended,<sup>1273</sup> 5. and when wild beasts are gathered together,<sup>1274</sup> 6. and when the seas are set on fire,<sup>1275</sup> 7. and when the souls 'and their bodies' are paired 'once more', 8. and when baby girls, buried alive, are asked 9. for what crime they were put to death,<sup>1276</sup> 10. and when the records 'of deeds' are laid open, 11. and when the sky is stripped away, 12. and when the Hellfire is fiercely flared up, 13. and when Paradise is brought near— 14. 'on that Day' each soul will know what 'deeds' it has brought along.

#### A Message to the Deniers

15. I do swear by the receding stars 16. which travel and hide,<sup>1277</sup> 17. and the night as it falls

1273 Ten-month pregnant camels were the most precious thing for nomadic Arabs, who cared for and treasured them.

1274 All animals will be brought together for judgment and then they will be reduced to dust.

1275 On the Day of Judgment the oceans and seas will be on fire.

1276 Some pagan Arabs used to bury their infant daughters alive for fear of shame or poverty. This practice was condemned and abolished by Islam. See 16:58-59.

1277 This probably refers to black holes. *Kanasa* means to sweep or hide. *Miknasah* is derived from this, and is the standard word for a vacuum cleaner.

18. and the day as it breaks!<sup>1278</sup>  
 19. Indeed, this 'Quran' is the Word of 'Allah delivered by Gabriel,' a noble messenger-angel, 20. full of power, held in honour by the Lord of the Throne, 21. obeyed there 'in heaven', and trustworthy. 22. And your fellow man<sup>1279</sup> is not insane. 23. And he did see that 'angel' on the clear horizon,<sup>1280</sup> 24. and he does not withhold 'what is revealed to him of' the unseen. 25. And this 'Quran' is not the word of an outcast devil.<sup>1281</sup> 26. So what 'other' path would you take? 27. Surely this 'Quran' is only a reminder to the whole world— 28. to whoever of you wills to take the Straight Way. 29. But you cannot will 'to do so', except by the Will of Allah, the Lord of all worlds.



## 82. The 'Sky' Splitting Open (Al-Infīṭâr)

In the Name of Allah—  
 the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### Horrors of the Final Hour

1. When the sky splits open, 2. and when the stars fall away, 3. and when the seas burst forth, 4. and when the graves spill out, 5. 'then' each soul will know what it has sent forth or left behind.

### Human Ingratitude

6. O humanity! What has emboldened you against your Lord, the Most Generous, 7. Who created you, fashioned you, and perfected your design,

وَالصُّبْحُ إِذَا تَنَفَّسَ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ رَسُولٍ كَرِيمٍ ۝  
 قُوَّةٍ عِنْدَ ذِي الْعَرْشِ مَكِينٍ ۝ مُطَاعٍ ثَمَّ أَمِينٍ ۝  
 وَمَا صَاحِبُكُمْ بِمَجْنُونٍ ۝ وَلَقَدْ رَآهُ بِالْأَفْقِ الْمُبِينِ ۝  
 وَمَا هُوَ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ بِضَنِينٍ ۝ وَمَا هُوَ بِقَوْلِ شَيْطَانٍ  
 رَّجِيمٍ ۝ فَأَيْنَ تَذْهَبُونَ ۝ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ۝  
 لِمَنْ شَاءَ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ يَسْتَقِيمَ ۝ وَمَا تَشَاءُونَ إِلَّا  
 أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۝

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝  
 إِذَا السَّمَاءُ انْفَطَرَتْ ۝ وَإِذَا الْكَوَاكِبُ انْتَثَرَتْ ۝ وَإِذَا الْبِحَارُ  
 فُجِّرَتْ ۝ وَإِذَا الْقُبُورُ بُعْثِرَتْ ۝ عَلِمَتْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ  
 وَأَخَّرَتْ ۝ يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا غَرَّكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ ۝  
 الَّذِي خَلَقَكَ فَسَوَّبَكَ فَقَدَلَكَ ۝ فِي أَيِّ صُورَةٍ مَّا شَاءَ

<sup>1278</sup> lit., the day as it takes its first breath.

<sup>1279</sup> i.e., Muhammad (ﷺ).

<sup>1280</sup> This is first time the Prophet (ﷺ) saw Gabriel in his angelic form. He saw him a second time in heaven during the Night Journey. See 53:5-15.

<sup>1281</sup> See 26:210-212.



رَكْبِكَ ۝ كَلَّا بَلْ تُكَذِّبُونَ بِالَّذِينَ ۝ وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكُمْ

لَحَافِظِينَ ۝ كِرَامًا كَاتِبِينَ ۝ يَعْلَمُونَ مَا تَفْعَلُونَ ۝

إِنَّ الْأَبْرَارَ لَفِي نَعِيمٍ ۝ وَإِنَّ الْفُجَّارَ لَفِي جَحِيمٍ ۝

يَصْلَوْنَهَا يَوْمَ الدِّينِ ۝ وَمَاهُمْ عَنْهَا بِغَائِبِينَ ۝ وَمَا

أَدْرَاكَ مَا يَوْمَ الدِّينِ ۝ ثُمَّ مَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا يَوْمَ الدِّينِ ۝

يَوْمَ لَا تَمْلِكُ نَفْسٌ لِّنَفْسٍ شَيْئًا ۝ وَالْأَمْرُ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلَّهِ ۝

﴿آيَاتُهَا ٣٦﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْمُطَفِّفِينَ مَكِّيَّةٌ﴾ ﴿رُكُوعُهَا ١﴾

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وَيْلٌ لِّلْمُطَفِّفِينَ ۝ الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَكْتَالُوا عَلَى النَّاسِ

يَسْتَوْفُونَ ۝ وَإِذَا كَالُوهُمْ أَوْ وَزَنُوهُمْ يُخْسِرُونَ ۝

أَلَا يَظُنُّ أُولَٰئِكَ أَنَّهُمْ مَبْعُوثُونَ ۝ لِيَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ۝

يَوْمَ يَقُومُ النَّاسُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۝ كَلَّا إِنَّ كِتَابَ

الْفُجَّارِ لَفِي سَجِينٍ ۝ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا سَجِينٌ ۝ كِتَابٌ

مَرْفُومٌ ۝ مَّزِيلٌ ۝

8. moulding you in whatever form He willed? 9. But no! In fact, you deny the 'final' Judgment, 10. while you are certainly observed by vigilant, 11. honourable angels, recording 'everything'. 12. They know whatever you do.

#### Warning of Judgment Day

13. Indeed, the virtuous will be in bliss, 14. and the wicked will be in Hell, 15. burning in it on Judgment Day, 16. and they will have no escape from it. 17. What will make you realize what Judgment Day is? 18. Again, what will make you realize what Judgment Day is? 19. 'It is' the Day no soul will be of 'any' benefit to another whatsoever, for all authority on that Day belongs to Allah 'entirely'.



#### 83. Defrauders (Al-Mutaffifin)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Warning to Those Who Cheat Others

1. Woe to the defrauders! 2. Those who take full measure 'when they buy' from people, 3. but give less when they measure or weigh for buyers. 4. Do such people not think that they will be resurrected 5. for a tremendous Day— 6. the Day 'all'

people will stand before the Lord of all worlds?

#### Fate of the Wicked

7. But no! The wicked are certainly bound for *Sijjin*<sup>1282</sup> 'in the depths of Hell'— 8. and what will make you realize what *Sijjin* is?— 9. a fate

<sup>1282</sup> *Sijjin* is the name of place (such as a confinement) in the depths of Hell.

‘already’ sealed.<sup>1283</sup> 10. Woe on that Day to the deniers— 11. those who deny Judgment Day! 12. None would deny it except every evildoing transgressor. 13. Whenever Our revelations are recited to them, they say, “Ancient fables!” 14. But no! In fact, their hearts have been stained by all ‘the evil’ they used to commit! 15. Undoubtedly, they will be sealed off from their Lord on that Day. 16. Moreover, they will surely burn in Hell, 17. and then be told, “This is what you used to deny.”

#### Fate of the Virtuous

18. But no! The virtuous are certainly bound for ‘*Illiyûn*’<sup>1284</sup> ‘in elevated Gardens’— 19. and what will make you realize what ‘*Illiyûn*’ is?— 20. a fate ‘already’ sealed, 21. witnessed by those nearest ‘to Allah’. 22. Surely the virtuous will be in bliss, 23. ‘seated’ on ‘canopied’ couches, gazing around. 24. You will recognize on their faces the glow of delight. 25. They will be given a drink of sealed, pure wine, 26. whose last sip will smell like musk. So let whoever aspires to this strive ‘diligently’. 27. And this drink’s flavour will come from *Tasnîm*— 28. a spring from which those nearest ‘to Allah’ will drink.

#### The Last Laugh

29. Indeed, the wicked used to laugh at the believers, 30. wink to one another whenever they passed by,

مَرْقُومٌ ۙ وَيَلْ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِّلْمُكَذِّبِينَ ۝۱۰ الَّذِينَ يُكَذِّبُونَ يَوْمَ  
الَّذِينَ ۝۱۱ وَمَا يُكَذِّبُ بِهِ إِلَّا كُلُّ مُعْتَدٍ أَثِيمٍ ۝۱۲ إِذَا تُتْلَىٰ  
عَلَيْهِ آيَاتُنَا قَالِ اسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ۝۱۳ كَلَّا بَلْ سَوَّيْنَا  
عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ۝۱۴ كَلَّا إِنَّهُمْ عَنْ رَبِّهِمْ  
يَوْمَئِذٍ لَّحَجُوبُونَ ۝۱۵ ثُمَّ إِنَّهُمْ لَصَالُوا الْجَحِيمِ ۝۱۶ ثُمَّ  
يُقَالُ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تُكَذِّبُونَ ۝۱۷ كَلَّا إِنَّ كِتَابَ  
الْأَبْرَارِ لَفِي عِلِّيِّينَ ۝۱۸ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا عِلِّيُّونَ ۝۱۹ كِتَابَ  
مَرْقُومٍ ۝۲۰ يَشْهَدُهُ الْمَقَرُّونَ ۝۲۱ إِنَّ الْأَبْرَارَ لَفِي نَعِيمٍ ۝۲۲  
عَلَى الْأَرَآئِكِ يَنْظُرُونَ ۝۲۳ تَعْرِفُ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ نَضْرَةَ  
النَّعِيمِ ۝۲۴ يُسْقَوْنَ مِنْ رَحِيقٍ مَّخْتُومٍ ۝۲۵ خِتَمُهُ مِسْكَ وَفِي  
ذَلِكَ فَلْيَتَنَافَسِ الْهَتَّانَا فَسُونَ ۝۲۶ وَمِمَّا رَزَجَهُ مِنْ تَسْنِيمٍ ۝۲۷  
عَيْنًا يَشْرَبُ بِهَا الْمَقَرُّونَ ۝۲۸ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أَجْرَمُوا كَانُوا مِنْ  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يَضْحَكُونَ ۝۲۹ وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِهِمْ يَتَغَامَرُونَ ۝۳۰

وَإِذَا انْقَلَبُوا

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<sup>1283</sup> This is based on the commentary of Ibn Kathîr.

<sup>1284</sup> *Illiyûn* is an elevated place in Paradise.

وَإِذَا انْقَلَبُوا إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِمْ انْقَلَبُوا فَكِهِينَ ۖ وَإِذَا رَأَوْهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّ هَٰؤُلَاءِ أَضَالُونٌ ۖ وَمَا أُرْسِلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِظِينَ ۖ فَأَيُّ الْيَوْمِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنَ الْكُفَّارِ يَضْحَكُونَ ۖ عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ ۖ يَنْظُرُونَ ۖ هَلْ تُؤْتَىٰ الْكُفَّارُ مَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ ۖ

﴿آيَاتُهَا ٢٥﴾ ﴿سُورَةُ الْإِنْشِقَاقِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٨٣)﴾ ﴿رُكُوعُهَا ١﴾ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِذَا السَّمَاءُ انْشَقَّتْ ۖ وَأَذْنَتْ لِرَبِّهَا وَحَقَّتْ ۖ وَإِذَا الْأَرْضُ مُدَّتْ ۖ وَأَلْقَتْ مَا فِيهَا وَتَخَلَّتْ ۖ وَأَذْنَتْ لِرَبِّهَا وَحَقَّتْ ۖ يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدًّا ۖ فَمَا لِقَايَهُ ۖ فَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوْتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِيَمِينِهِ ۖ فَسَوْفَ يُحَاسِبُ حَسَابًا يَسِيرًا ۖ وَيُنْقَلِبُ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ مَسْرُورًا ۖ وَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوْتِيَ كِتَابَهُ وَرَاءَ ظَهْرِهِ ۖ فَسَوْفَ يَدْعُوا ثُبُورًا ۖ وَيَصْلَىٰ سَعِيرًا ۖ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فِي أَهْلِهِ

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31. and muse 'over these exploits' upon returning to their own people. 32. And when they saw the faithful, they would say, "These 'people' are truly astray," 33. even though they were not sent as keepers over the believers. 34. But on that Day the believers will be laughing at the disbelievers, 35. as they sit on 'canopied' couches, looking on. 36. 'The believers will be asked,' "Have the disbelievers 'not' been paid back for what they used to do?"

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#### 84. The "Sky" Bursting Open (Al-Inshiqâq)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Horrors of Judgment Day

1. When the sky bursts open, 2. obeying its Lord as it must, 3. and when the earth is flattened out, 4. and ejects 'all' its contents<sup>1285</sup> and becomes empty, 5. obeying its Lord as it must, 'surely you will all be judged'.

#### Fate of the Faithful and the Wicked

6. O humanity! Indeed, you are labouring restlessly towards your Lord, and will 'eventually' meet the consequences. 7. As for those who are given their record in their right hand,

8. they will have an easy reckoning, 9. and will return to their people joyfully. 10. And as for those who are given their record 'in their left hand' from behind their backs, 11. they will cry for 'instant' destruction, 12. and will burn in the blazing Fire. 13. For they used to be prideful

1285 i.e., treasures and dead bodies.

among their people, 14. thinking they would never return 'to Allah'. 15. Yes 'they would'! Surely their Lord has always been All-Seeing of them.

#### Invitation to Believe

16. So, I do swear by the twilight!  
17. And by the night and whatever it envelops! 18. And by the moon when it waxes full! 19. You will certainly pass from one state to another.<sup>1286</sup>  
20. So what is the matter with them that they do not believe, 21. and when the Quran is recited to them, they do not bow down 'in submission'?<sup>1287</sup>  
22. In fact, the disbelievers persist in denial. 23. But Allah knows best whatever they hide. 24. So give them good news of a painful punishment. 25. But those who believe and do good will have a never-ending reward.



#### 85. Constellations (Al-Buruj)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### The People of the Fire Pit

1. By the sky full of constellations,  
2. and the promised Day 'of Judgment', 3. and the witness and what is witnessed!<sup>1288</sup> 4. Condemned are the makers of the ditch— 5. the fire 'pit', filled with fuel— 6. when they sat around it, 7. watching what they had 'ordered to be' done to the believers, 8. who they resented for no reason other than belief in Allah—

الْبُرُوجِ ٨٥

السُّجُودِ ١٨

الْبُرُوجِ ٨٥

مَسْرُورًا ۝ إِنَّهُ ظَنَّ أَنْ لَنْ يَحُورَ ۚ بَلَى ۚ إِنَّ رَبَّهُ كَانَ  
بِهِ بَصِيرًا ۝ فَلَا أَقْسَمُ بِالْشفَقِ ۝ وَاللَّيْلِ وَمَا  
وَسَقِ ۝ وَالْقَمَرِ إِذَا اتَّسَقَ ۝ لَتَرْكَبُنَّ طَبَقًا عَنْ طَبَقٍ ۝  
فَمَا لَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝ وَإِذَا قُرِئَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقُرْآنُ  
لَا يَسْجُدُونَ ۝ بَلِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يَكْذِبُونَ ۝ وَاللَّهُ  
أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يُوعُونَ ۝ فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ۝ إِلَّا  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ ۝

إِنشَاءهَا ٢٢ (٨٥) سُورَةُ الْبُرُوجِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (١٢٤) رُكُوعُهَا ١  
وَالسَّمَاءِ ذَاتِ الْبُرُوجِ ۝ وَالْيَوْمِ الْمَوْعُودِ ۝ وَشَاهِدِ  
وَمَشْهُودٍ ۝ قَتَلَ أَصْحَابُ الْأُخْدُودِ ۝ النَّارِ ذَاتِ  
الْوُقُودِ ۝ إِذْ هُمْ عَلَيْهَا قُعُودٌ ۝ وَهُمْ عَلَى مَا يَفْعَلُونَ  
بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ شُهُودٌ ۝ وَمَا نَقَمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا

بِاللَّهِ

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1286 You will pass from life to death and from death to resurrection, from well-being to sickness and from sickness to well-being, from poverty to richness and from richness to poverty, etc.

1287 lit., they do not prostrate.

1288 The witness can be Allah, the angels, or the prophets, and the witnessed can be the people standing for judgment or the overwhelming events of Judgment Day.

بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ ۝ الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
 وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ۝ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَتَلُوا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
 وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَتُوبُوا فَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ  
 الْحَرِيقِ ۝ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ  
 تَجْرَى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْكَبِيرُ ۝ إِنَّ  
 بَطْشَ رَبِّكَ لَشَدِيدٌ ۝ إِنَّهُ هُوَ يُبْدِي وَيُعِيدُ ۝ وَهُوَ  
 الْعَفُورُ الْودُودُ ۝ ذُو الْعَرْشِ الْمَجِيدُ ۝ فَعَالٌ لَبِا  
 يُرِيدُ ۝ هَلْ أَتَاكَ حَدِيثُ الْجُنُودِ ۝ فِرْعَوْنُ وَثَمُودُ ۝  
 بَلِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي تَكْذِيبٍ ۝ وَاللَّهُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِمْ  
 مُحِيطٌ ۝ بَلْ هُوَ قُرْآنٌ مَجِيدٌ ۝ فِي لَوْحٍ مَحْفُوظٍ ۝  
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝  
 وَالسَّمَاءِ وَالطَّارِقِ ۝ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الطَّارِقُ ۝ النُّجُومُ

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the Almighty, the Praiseworthy—  
 9. 'the One' to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and earth. And Allah is a Witness over all things.  
 10. Those who persecute the believing men and women and then do not repent will certainly suffer the punishment of Hell and the torment of burning.  
 11. Surely those who believe and do good will have Gardens under which rivers flow. That is the greatest triumph.

#### Warning to Arab Pagans

12. Indeed, the 'crushing' grip of your Lord is severe. 13. 'For' He is certainly the One Who originates and resurrects 'all'. 14. And He is the All-Forgiving, All-Loving— 15. Lord of the Throne, the All-Glorious, 16. Doer of whatever He wills. 17. Has the story of the 'destroyed' forces reached you 'O Prophet'— 18. 'the forces of' Pharaoh and Thamûd? 19. Yet the disbelievers 'still' persist in denial. 20. But Allah encompasses them from all sides. 21. In fact, this is a glorious Quran, 22. 'recorded' in a Preserved Tablet.



#### 86. The Nightly Star (At-Târiq)

In the Name of Allah—  
 the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Allah's Power to Create and Resurrect

1. By the heaven and the nightly star! 2. And what will make you realize what the nightly star is? 3. 'It is' the star of

piercing brightness. 4. There is no soul without a vigilant angel 'recording everything'. 5. Let people then consider what they were created from! 6. 'They were' created from a spurting fluid, 7. stemming from between the backbone and the ribcage.<sup>1289</sup> 8. Surely He is fully capable of bringing them back 'to life' — 9. on the Day all secrets will be disclosed. 10. Then one will have neither power nor 'any' helper.

#### Warning to Arab Pagans

11. By the sky with its recurring cycles, 12. and the earth with its sprouting plants! 13. Surely this 'Quran' is a decisive word, 14. and is not to be taken lightly. 15. They are certainly devising 'evil' plans, 16. but I too am planning. 17. So bear with the disbelievers 'O Prophet'. Let them be for 'just' a little while.



#### 87. The Most High (Al-A'lu)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### The Master Creator

1. Glorify the Name of your Lord, the Most High, 2. Who created and 'perfectly' fashioned 'all', 3. and Who ordained precisely and inspired accordingly, 4. and Who brings forth 'green' pasture, 5. then reduces it to withered chaff.

#### The Quran and the Way of Ease

6. We will have you recite 'the Quran, O Prophet,' so you will not forget 'any of it', 7. unless Allah wills otherwise.<sup>1290</sup> He surely knows what is open and what is hidden. 8. We will facilitate for you the Way of Ease.<sup>1291</sup> 9. So 'always'

1289 Testes and ovaries are formed in the abdomen of the fetus during the first weeks of pregnancy, before descending to their permanent place in the pelvis. Both are sustained by arteries originating between the backbone and the ribcage.

1290 Meaning, We will have you memorize the revelations and apply the rulings contained in them, unless one ruling is replaced by another.

1291 The Islamic way of life which brings about ease in this life and salvation in the next.



الشَّاقِبُ ٣٠ إِنَّ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ لَّمَّا عَلَيْهَا حَافِظٌ ٦ فَلْيَنْظُرِ  
الْإِنْسَانُ مِمَّ خُلِقَ ٥ خُلِقَ مِنْ مَّاءٍ دَافِقٍ ٦ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ  
بَيْنِ الصُّلْبِ وَالتَّرَائِبِ ٤ إِنَّهُ عَلَى رَجْعِهِ لَقَادِرٌ ٨  
يَوْمَ تُبْلَى السَّرَائِرُ ٩ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَلَا نَاصِرٍ ١٠ وَالسَّمَاءِ  
ذَاتِ الرَّجْعِ ١١ وَالْأَرْضِ ذَاتِ الصَّدْعِ ١٢ إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ  
فَصْلٍ ١٣ وَمَا هُوَ بِالْهَزْلِ ١٤ إِنَّهُمْ يَكِيدُونَ كَيْدًا ١٥  
وَأَكِيدُ كَيْدًا ١٦ فَمَهْلِكُ الْكَافِرِينَ أَهْلَهُمْ رُويدًا ١٧

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سَبِّحْ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى ١ الَّذِي خَلَقَ فَسُوَّى ٢ وَالَّذِي  
قَدَّرَ فَهَدَى ٣ وَالَّذِي أَخْرَجَ الْمَرْعَى ٤ فَجَعَلَ غُثَاءً  
أَخْوَى ٥ سَتَقْبُرَكُ فَلَا تُنْسَى ٦ إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ ٧ إِنَّهُ  
يَعْلَمُ الْجَهْرَ وَمَا يَخْفَى ٨ وَنُيْسِرُكَ لِلْيُسْرَى ٩ فَذَكَرْ  
إِنْ تَفَعَّلْتَ ١٠ مَنَزَلٌ

↑ remind 'with the Quran'—'even' if the reminder is beneficial 'only to some'. 10. Those in awe 'of Allah' will be mindful 'of it'. 11. But it will be shunned by the most wretched, 12. who will burn in the greatest Fire, 13. where they will not 'be able to' live or die.

### The Way to Success

14. Successful indeed are those who purify themselves, 15. remember the Name of their Lord, and pray. 16. But you 'deniers only' prefer the life of this world, 17. even though the Hereafter is far better and more lasting. 18. This is certainly 'mentioned' in the earlier Scriptures— 19. the Scriptures of Abraham and Moses.



### 88. The Overwhelming Event (Al-Ghâshiyah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### The People of Hell

1. Has the news of the Overwhelming Event reached you 'O Prophet'?  
2. On that Day 'some' faces will be downcast, 3. 'totally' overburdened, exhausted, 4. burning in a scorching Fire, 5. left to drink from a scalding spring. 6. They will have no food

إِنْ نَفَعَتِ الذِّكْرَى ۙ سَيَذْكُرُ مَنْ يَخْشَى ۙ وَ  
يَتَجَنَّبُهَا الْأَشْقَى ۙ الَّذِي يَصْلَى النَّارَ الْكُبْرَى ۙ ثُمَّ  
لَا يَمُوتُ فِيهَا وَلَا يَحْيَى ۙ قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ تَزَى ۙ وَ  
ذَكَرَ اسْمَ رَبِّهِ فَصَلَّى ۙ بَلْ تُؤْثِرُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا ۙ  
وَالْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَى ۙ إِنَّ هَذَا لَفِي الصُّحُفِ  
الْأُولَى ۙ صُحُفِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَى ۙ

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هَلْ أَتَاكَ حَدِيثُ الْغَاشِيَةِ ۙ وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ خَاشِعَةٌ ۙ  
عَامِلَةٌ نَاصِبَةٌ ۙ تَصْلَى نَارًا حَامِيَةً ۙ تُسْقَى مِنْ  
عَيْنٍ أَنِيَّةٍ ۙ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ طَعَامٌ إِلَّا مِنْ صَرِيحٍ ۙ لَا يُسْمِنُ  
وَلَا يُغْنِي عَنْهُمْ جُوعٌ ۙ وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ نَاعِمَةٌ ۙ  
لَسَعْيُهَا رَاضِيَةٌ ۙ فِي جَنَّةٍ عَالِيَةٍ ۙ لَا تَسْمَعُ فِيهَا

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except a foul, thorny shrub, 7. neither nourishing nor satisfying hunger.

### The People of Paradise

8. On that Day 'other' faces will be glowing with bliss, 9. 'fully' pleased with their striving, 10. in an elevated Garden, 11. where no idle talk

will be heard. 12. In it will be a running spring, 13. along with thrones raised high, 14. and cups set at hand, 15. and 'fine' cushions lined up, 16. and 'splendid' carpets spread out.

#### *A Message to the Deniers*

17. Do they not ever reflect on camels—how they were 'masterfully' created;<sup>1292</sup> 18. and the sky—how it was raised 'high'; 19. and the mountains—how they were firmly set up; 20. and the earth—how it was levelled out? 21. So, 'continue to' remind 'them, O Prophet', for your duty is only to remind. 22. You are not 'there' to compel them 'to believe'. 23. But whoever turns away, persisting in disbelief, 24. then Allah will inflict upon them the major punishment.<sup>1293</sup> 25. Surely to Us is their return, 26. then surely with Us is their reckoning.



#### *89. Dawn (Al-Fajr)*

In the Name of Allah—

the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### *Fate of the Deniers*

1. By the dawn,<sup>1294</sup> 2. and the ten nights,<sup>1295</sup> 3. and the even and the odd, 4. and the night when it passes!

5. Is all this 'not' a sufficient oath for those who have sense? 6. Did you not see how your Lord dealt with 'Ad—7. 'the people' of Iram—with 'their' great stature, 8. unmatched

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لَاغِيَةً ۝ فِيهَا عَيْنٌ جَارِيَةٌ ۝ فِيهَا سُرُرٌ مَرْفُوعَةٌ ۝  
وَأَكْوَابٌ مَوْضُوعَةٌ ۝ وَنَمَارِقُ مَصْفُوفَةٌ ۝ وَزَوَاجِيَ  
مَبْثُوثَةٌ ۝ أَفَلَا يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَى الْإِبِلِ كَيْفَ خُلِقَتْ ۝  
وَالِى السَّمَاءِ كَيْفَ رُفِعَتْ ۝ وَالِى الْجِبَالِ كَيْفَ  
نُصِبَتْ ۝ وَالِى الْأَرْضِ كَيْفَ سُطِحَتْ ۝ فَذَكِّرْ إِنَّمَا  
أَنْتَ مُذَكِّرٌ ۝ لَسْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِمُصَيِّرٍ ۝ إِلَّا مَنْ  
تَوَلَّى وَكَفَرَ ۝ فَيُعَذِّبُهُ اللَّهُ الْعَذَابَ الْأَكْبَرَ ۝  
إِنَّ إِلَيْنَا إِيَابَهُمْ ۝ ثُمَّ إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا حِسَابَهُمْ ۝

(أَيُّهَا ٣٠) (٨٩) سُورَةُ الْفَجْرِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (١٠) رُوعَهَا ١

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وَالْفَجْرِ ۝ وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ ۝ وَالشَّفْعِ وَالْوَتْرِ ۝ وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا  
يَسَّرَ ۝ هَلْ فِي ذَلِكَ قَسَمٌ لِّذِي حَبْرِ ۝ أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ  
فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِعَادٍ ۝ إِرَمَ ذَاتِ الْعِمَادِ ۝ الَّتِي لَمْ يُخْلَقْ

مَنْزِلَ ۷ مِثْلَهَا

1292 Another possible translation: "Do they not ever reflect on rainclouds—how they are formed?"

1293 The Hellfire is the major punishment. The minor punishment includes disasters in this life as well as torments in the grave. See 32:21.

1294 Like many sūrahs, this one begins with an oath from Allah. He has the right to swear by any object of His creation (i.e., the sun, the moon, the stars, the dawn, or the angels). As for us, we are only allowed to swear by Allah alone.

1295 This refers to the first ten days of the month of Zul-Hijjah, in which the rituals of pilgrimage are performed.



مَثَلُهَا فِي الْبِلَادِ ۝٨ وَتُؤَدُّ الَّذِينَ جَابُوا الصَّخْرَ بِالْوَادِ ۝٩  
 وَفَرَعُونَ ذِي الْأَوْتَادِ ۝١٠ الَّذِينَ طَعَوْا فِي الْبِلَادِ ۝١١  
 فَأَكْثَرُوا فِيهَا الْفُسَادَ ۝١٢ فَصَبَّ عَلَيْهِمْ رَبُّكَ سَوْطَ  
 عَذَابٍ ۝١٣ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَبِالْأَصْدَادِ ۝١٤ فَأَمَّا الْإِنْسَانُ إِذَا  
 مَا ابْتَلَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَأَكْرَمَهُ وَنَعَّمَهُ ۖ فَيَقُولُ رَبِّي أَكْرَمَنِ ۝١٥  
 وَأَمَّا إِذَا مَا ابْتَلَاهُ فَقَدَرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقَهُ ۖ فَيَقُولُ رَبِّي  
 أَهَانَنِ ۝١٦ كَلَّا بَلْ لَا تَكْرُمُونَ الْيَتِيمَ ۝١٧ وَلَا تَحْضُونَ  
 عَلَى طَعَامِ الْمُسْكِينِ ۝١٨ وَتَأْكُلُونَ الثَّرَاثَ أَكْلًا لَهًّا ۝١٩  
 وَتُحِبُّونَ الْمَالَ حُبًّا جَمًّا ۝٢٠ كَلَّا إِذَا دُكَّتِ الْأَرْضُ دَكًّا  
 دَكًّا ۝٢١ وَجَاءَ رَبُّكَ وَالْبَلَكُ صَفًّا صَفًّا ۝٢٢ وَجِئْتُ يَوْمَئِذٍ  
 بِجَهَنَّمَ ۖ يَوْمَئِذٍ يَتَذَكَّرُ الْإِنْسَانُ وَأَنَّى لَهُ الذِّكْرَى ۝٢٣  
 يَقُولُ يَلَيْتَنِي قَدَّمْتُ لِحَيَاتِي ۝٢٤ فَيَوْمَئِذٍ لَا يُعَدِّبُ  
 عَذَابَهُ أَحَدٌ ۝٢٥ وَلَا يُوثِقُ وَثَاقَهُ أَحَدٌ ۝٢٦ يَا أَيَّتُهَا

in any other land; 9. and Thamūd who carved 'their homes into' the rocks in the 'Stone' Valley; 10. and the Pharaoh of mighty structures?<sup>1296</sup> 11. They all transgressed throughout the land, 12. spreading much corruption there. 13. So your Lord unleashed on them a scourge of punishment.<sup>1297</sup> 14. 'For' your Lord is truly vigilant.

#### Bad News for the Deniers

15. Now, whenever a human being is tested by their Lord through 'His' generosity and blessings, they boast, "My Lord has 'deservedly' honoured me!" 16. But when He tests them by limiting their provision, they protest, "My Lord has 'undeservedly' humiliated me!" 17. Absolutely not! In fact, you are not 'even' gracious to the orphan, 18. nor do you urge one another to feed the poor. 19. And you devour 'others'' inheritance greedily,<sup>1298</sup> 20. and love wealth fervently. 21. Enough! When the earth is entirely crushed over and over, 22. and your Lord comes 'to judge' with angels, rank upon rank, 23. and Hell is brought forth on that Day—this is when every 'disbelieving' person will remember 'their own sins'. But what is the use of remembering then? 24. They will cry, "I wish I had sent

forth 'something good' for my 'true' life." 25. On that Day He will punish 'them' severely, like no other, 26. and bind 'them' tightly, like no other.<sup>1299</sup>

1296 i.e., pyramids and obelisks.

1297 lit., so your Lord poured on them a whip of punishment.

1298 They take over the inheritance of orphans and women.

1299 Another possible translation: "None has ever punished the way He will punish on that Day, nor has anyone bound the way He will bind."

### Good News for the Faithful

27. 'Allah will say to the righteous,'  
"O tranquil soul! 28. Return to your  
Lord, well pleased 'with Him' and  
well pleasing 'to Him'. 29. So join  
My servants, 30. and enter My  
Paradise."



### 90. The City (Al-Balad)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Ungrateful Disbelievers

1. I do swear by this city 'of Mec-  
ca'— 2. even though you 'O Proph-  
et' are subject to abuse in this city—  
3. and by every parent and 'their'  
child! 4. Indeed, We have created  
humankind in 'constant' struggle.  
5. Do they think that no one has  
power over them, 6. boasting, "I  
have wasted enormous wealth!"?  
7. Do they think that no one sees  
them? 8. Have We not given them  
two eyes, 9. a tongue, and two lips;  
10. and shown them the two ways  
'of right and wrong'?

#### The Challenging Path of Good

11. If only they had attempted the  
challenging path 'of goodness in-  
stead'! 12. And what will make you  
realize what 'attempting' the chal-  
lenging path is? 13. It is to free a slave; 14. or to give food in times of famine 15. to an orphaned relative 16. or to  
a poor person in distress; 17. and—above all—to be one of those who have faith and urge each other to persever-  
ance and urge each other to compassion.

النَّفْسَ الطَّيِّبَةَ ١٢ اُرْجِعْنِي اِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ رَاضِيَةً مُّرْضِيَةً ٣٨

فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبَادِي ٢٩ وَاَدْخُلِي جَنَّتِي ٣٠

﴿اِنَّا هِيَ ٢٠﴾ ﴿سُوْرَةُ الْبَلَدِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ٢٨﴾ ﴿رُوعَهَا ١﴾

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لَا اُقْسِمُ بِهٰذَا الْبَلَدِ ١ وَاَنْتَ حَلٌّ بِهٰذَا الْبَلَدِ ٢ وَ

وَالِدٍ وَمَا وَلَدٌ ٣ لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْاِنْسَانَ فِيْ كَبَدٍ ٤

اَيَحْسَبُ اَنْ لَّنْ يَّقْدِرَ عَلَيْهِ اَحَدٌ ٥ يَقُوْلُ اَهْلَكْتُ مَا لَا

لُبْدًا ٦ اَيَحْسَبُ اَنْ لَّمْ يَرَهُ اَحَدٌ ٧ اَلَمْ نَجْعَلْ لَّهٗ

عَيْنَيْنِ ٨ وَلِسَانًا وَشَفَتَيْنِ ٩ وَهَدَيْنٰهُ النَّجْدَيْنِ ١٠

فَلَا اقْتَحَمَ الْعَقَبَةَ ١١ وَمَا اَدْرَاكَ مَا الْعَقَبَةُ ١٢

فَكَ رَقَبَةٍ ١٣ اَوْ اطْعَمُ فِيْ يَوْمٍ ذِيْ مَسْغَبَةٍ ١٤ يَتِيْمًا

ذَا مَقْرَبَةٍ ١٥ اَوْ مَسْكِيْنَا ذَا مَتْرَبَةٍ ١٦ ثُمَّ كَانَ مِنَ

الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْمَرْحَمَةِ ١٧

أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِنَا

هُمْ أَصْحَابُ الْمَشْأَمَةِ ۖ عَلَيْهِمْ نَارٌ مُّؤَصَّدَةٌ ۖ

﴿آيَاتُهَا ١٥﴾ ﴿٩١﴾ سُورَةُ الشَّمْسِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿٢٦﴾ ﴿رُوعُهَا ١﴾

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وَالشَّمْسُ وَضُحَاهَا ۖ ١ وَالْقَمَرُ إِذَا تَلَّهَا ۖ ٢ وَالنَّهَارُ

إِذَا جَلَّهَا ۖ ٣ وَاللَّيْلُ إِذَا يَغْشَاهَا ۖ ٤ وَالسَّمَاءُ وَمَا

بَنَاهَا ۖ ٥ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَا طَحَاهَا ۖ ٦ وَنَفْسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاهَا ۖ ٧

فَأَلَّهَمَّهَا فُجُورَهَا وَتَقْوَاهَا ۖ ٨ قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا ۖ ٩

وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا ۖ ١٠ كَذَّبَتْ ثَمُودُ بِطَغْوَاهَا ۖ ١١

إِذِ انْبَعَثَ أَشْقَاهَا ۖ ١٢ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ نَاقَةَ

اللَّهِ وَسُقْيَاهَا ۖ ١٣ فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَعَقَرُوهَا ۖ ١٤ فَدَمْدَمَ

عَلَيْهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ فَسَوَّاهَا ۖ ١٥ وَلَا يَخَافُ

عُقُوبَهَا ۖ ١٥

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18. These are the people of the right.  
19. As for those who deny Our signs, they are the people of the left.<sup>1300</sup>  
20. The Fire will be sealed over them.

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### 91. The Sun (Ash-Shams)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Purifying and Corrupting the Soul

1. By the sun and its brightness,
2. and the moon as it follows it,<sup>1301</sup>
3. and the day as it unveils it, 4. and the night as it conceals it! 5. And by heaven and 'the One' Who built it,
6. and the earth and 'the One' Who spread it! 7. And by the soul and 'the One' Who fashioned it, 8. then with 'the knowledge of' right and wrong inspired it. 9. Successful indeed is the one who purifies their soul, 10. and doomed is the one who corrupts it!

#### Destruction of the People of Šâlih

11. Thamûd rejected 'the truth' out of arrogance, 12. when the most wicked of them was roused 'to kill the she-camel'. 13. But the messenger of Allah warned them, "'Do not disturb' Allah's camel and her 'turn to' drink!" 14. Still they defied him and slaughtered her. So their Lord crushed them for their crime, level-

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ling all to the ground.<sup>1302</sup> 15. He has no fear of consequences.

1300 Other sûrahs describing the people of the right and the people of the left include 56 and 69.

1301 Or "when it reflects the sun's light."

1302 It is true that while Qudâr ibn Šâlih was the individual who killed the camel, the rest of the people were supportive of what he did, so they were all punished collectively.

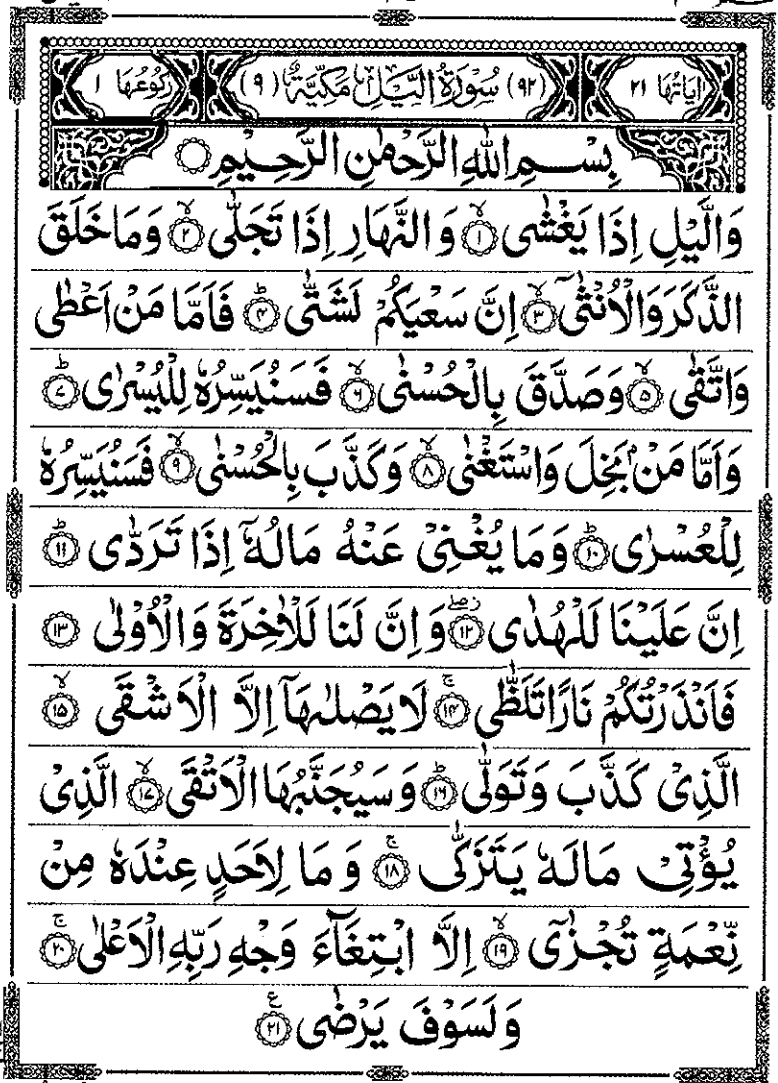
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### The Faithful and the Faithless

1. By the night when it covers, 2. and the day when it shines! 3. And by "the One" Who created male and female! 4. Surely the ends you strive for are diverse. 5. As for the one who is charitable, mindful 'of Allah', 6. and "firmly" believes in the finest reward, 7. We will facilitate for them the Way of Ease. 8. And as for the one who is stingy, indifferent 'to Allah', 9. and "staunchly" denies the finest reward, 10. We will facilitate for them the path of hardship. 11. And their wealth will be of no benefit to them when they tumble "into Hell".

### Reward of the Righteous and the Wicked

12. It is certainly upon Us "alone" to show "the way to" guidance. 13. And surely to Us "alone" belong this life and the next. 14. And so I have warned you of a raging Fire, 15. in which none will burn except the most wretched— 16. who deny and turn away. 17. But the righteous will be spared from it— 18. who donate "some of" their wealth only to purify themselves, 19. not in return for someone's favours, 20. but seeking the pleasure of their Lord, the Most High. 21. They will certainly be pleased.





### 93. The Morning Sunlight (Ad-Duha)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Reassuring the Prophet

1. By the morning sunlight, 2. and the night when it falls still! 3. Your Lord "O Prophet" has not abandoned you, nor has He become hateful "of you". 4. And the next life is certainly far better for you than this one. 5. And "surely" your Lord will give so much to you that you will be pleased. 6. Did He not find you as an orphan then shelter you? 7. Did He not find you unguided then guide you? 8. And did He not find you needy then satisfy your needs? 9. So do not oppress the orphan, 10. nor repulse the beggar.<sup>1303</sup> 11. And proclaim the blessings of your Lord.



### 94. Uplifting the Heart (Ash-Sharh)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### More Reassurance to the Prophet

1. Have We not uplifted your heart for you "O Prophet", 2. relieved you of the burden 3. which weighed so heavily on your back, 4. and elevated your

renown for you?<sup>1304</sup> 5. So, surely with hardship comes ease. 6. Surely with "that" hardship comes "more" ease.<sup>1305</sup> 7. So once you have fulfilled "your duty", strive "in devotion", 8. turning to your Lord "alone" with hope.



<sup>1303</sup> And, by extension, anyone asking for help.

<sup>1304</sup> The Prophet's name is always mentioned in the call to prayer, along with Allah's Name. Close to the end of each of the five daily prayers, worshippers invoke Allah's blessings upon the Prophet (ﷺ) and his family. When someone reverts to Islam, they testify that Allah is their Lord and Muhammad is His Messenger. Muslims, even those who are not practicing, love the Prophet (ﷺ) and many name their children after him.

<sup>1305</sup> If a definite noun is repeated in Arabic, it means that we are referring to the same thing. For example, "I met the man and I gave the man some money." But if an indefinite noun is repeated, it means we are referring to two different things. For example, "I met a man and I gave a man some money." With this in mind, we realize that 94:5-6 refers to one hardship (a definite noun) and two different eases (an indefinite noun). Hence, the Arabic saying: "Two eases cannot be overcome by one hardship."

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا ١١﴾ (٩٣) سُورَةُ الضُّحَىٰ (مَكِّيَّةٌ ١١) ﴿رُكُوعُهَا ١﴾

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وَالضُّحَىٰ ١ وَاللَّيْلُ إِذَا سَجَىٰ ٢ مَا وَدَّعَكَ رَبُّكَ وَمَا قَلَىٰ ٣

وَلَا إِخْرَءٌ خَيْرٌ لَّكَ مِنَ الْأُولَىٰ ٤ وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ

فَتَرْضَىٰ ٥ أَلَمْ يَجِدْكَ يَتِيمًا فَآوَىٰ ٦ وَوَجَدَكَ ضَالًّا

فَهَدَىٰ ٧ وَوَجَدَكَ عَائِلًا فَأَغْنَىٰ ٨ فَأَمَّا الْيَتِيمَ فَلَا

تَقْهَرُ ٩ وَأَمَّا السَّائِلَ فَلَا تَنْهَرُ ١٠ وَأَمَّا بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثُ ١١

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا ٨﴾ (٩٤) سُورَةُ الْأَنْشُرَاحِ (مَكِّيَّةٌ ١٢) ﴿رُكُوعُهَا ١﴾

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ ١ وَوَضَعْنَا عَنكَ وِزْرَكَ ٢

الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ ظَهْرَكَ ٣ وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ ٤ فَإِنَّ

مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ٥ إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ٦ فَإِذَا

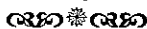
فَرَغْتَ فَأَنْصَبْ ٧ وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ ٨

سُورَةُ الضُّحَىٰ منزل ٨٣٨ ٨٣٨

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Reward of Ungrateful Deniers

1. By the fig and the olive 'of Jerusalem', 2. and Mount Sinai, 3. and this secure city 'of Mecca'<sup>1306</sup> 4. Indeed, We created humans in the best form. 5. But We will reduce them to the lowest of the low 'in Hell', 6. except those who believe and do good—they will have a never-ending reward. 7. Now, what makes you deny the 'final' Judgment? 8. Is Allah not the most just of all judges?



#### 96. The Clinging Clot 'of Blood' (Al-'Alaq)

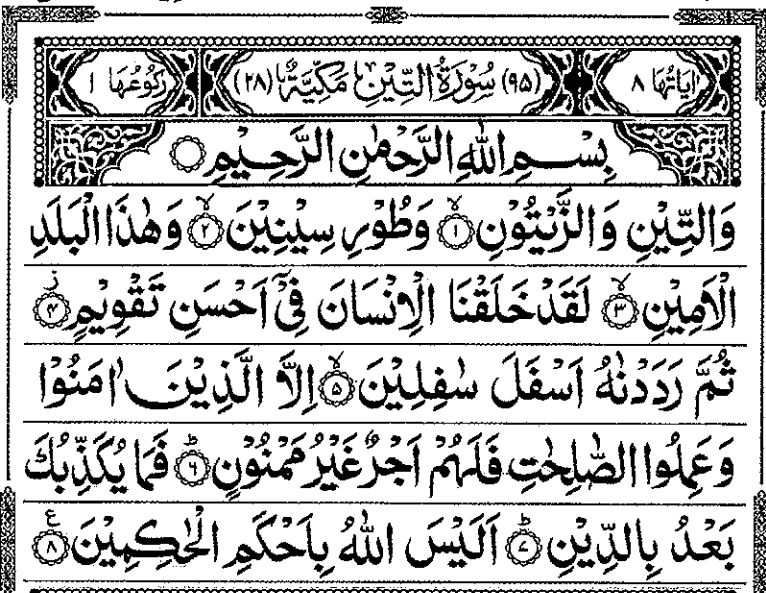
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the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### The First Revelation

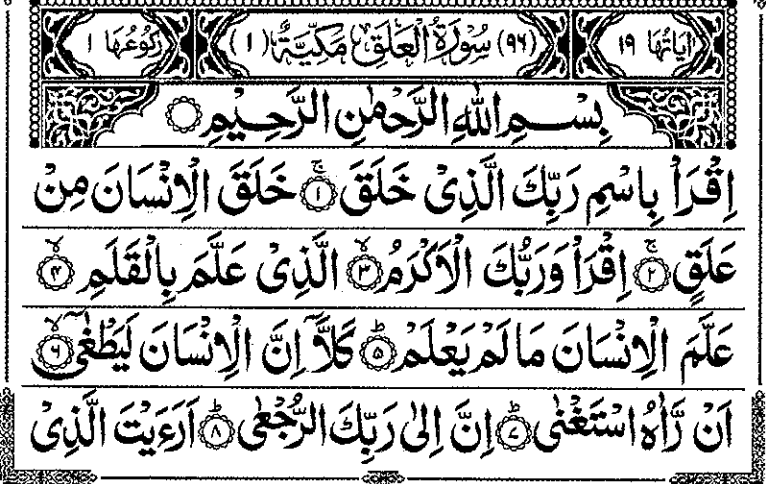
1. Read, 'O Prophet,' in the Name of your Lord Who created— 2. created humans from a clinging clot.<sup>1307</sup> 3. Read! And your Lord is the Most Generous, 4. Who taught by the pen— 5. taught humanity what they knew not.

#### The Man Who Abused the Prophet

6. Most certainly, one exceeds all bounds 7. once they think they are self-sufficient. 8. 'But' surely to your Lord is the return 'of all'. 9. Have you seen



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1306 This passage refers to the land of figs and olives where Jesus (ﷺ) lived, Mount Sinai where Moses (ﷺ) communicated with Allah, and the City of Mecca where the Prophet (ﷺ) started his mission. A similar reference can be found in Deuteronomy 33:1, 'Moses proclaimed: "The Lord came from Sinai. Rising from Seir upon us, he [sic] shone forth from Mount Paran." Seir is a mountain near Jerusalem, and Paran is a mountain near Mecca.

1307 'Alaa, meaning the embryo resembles a leech.

يَنْهَى ٩ عَبْدًا إِذَا صَلَّى ١٠ أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَانَ عَلَى  
الْهَدَى ١١ أَوْ أَمَرَ بِالتَّقْوَى ١٢ أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَذَّبَ وَتَوَلَّى ١٣  
أَلَمْ يَعْلَم بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَى ١٤ كَلَّا لَئِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهِ ١٥ لَسَفَعَا  
بِالنَّاصِيَةِ ١٦ نَاصِيَةٍ كَاذِبَةٍ خَاطِئَةٍ ١٧ فَلْيَدْعُ نَادِيَهُ ١٨  
سَدِّدْ الرِّبَانِيَّةَ ١٩ كَلَّا لَا تُطِعْهُ وَاسْجُدْ وَاقْتَرِبْ ٢٠  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ١ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ٢  
لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ٣ تَنْزِيلُ الْمَلَكِ وَالرُّوحُ  
فِيهَا يَأْذِنُ رَوْحٌ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرِ ٤ سَلَامٌ شَهِى حَتَّى مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ٥  
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
لَمْ يَكُنِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ مُنْفَكِّينَ  
حَتَّى تَأْتِيَهُمْ

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↑ the man who prevents 10. a servant 'of Ours' from praying?<sup>1308</sup> 11. What if this 'servant' is 'rightly' guided, 12. or encourages righteousness? 13. What if that 'man' persists in denial and turns away? 14. Does he not know that Allah sees 'all'? 15. But no! If he does not desist, We will certainly drag him by the forelock— 16. a lying, sinful forelock.<sup>1309</sup> 17. So let him call his associates. 18. We will call the wardens of Hell. 19. Again, no! Never obey him 'O Prophet'! Rather, 'continue to' prostrate and draw near 'to Allah'.



## 97. The Night of Glory (Al-Qadr)

In the Name of Allah—

the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

### The Night the Quran Was Revealed

1. Indeed, 'it is' We 'Who' sent this Quran' down on the Night of Glory.<sup>1310</sup> 2. And what will make you realize what the Night of Glory is? 3. The Night of Glory is better than a thousand months. 4. That night the angels and the 'holy' spirit<sup>1311</sup> descend, by the permission of their Lord, for every 'decreed' matter. 5. It is all peace until the break of dawn.



1308 Abu Jahl was a staunch leader of the Meccan opposition to Islam. There are many authentic stories of his abuse of the Prophet (ﷺ).

1309 This refers to the frontal lobe of the brain, where reasoning is processed.

1310 It is also believed that the angels descend with all decreed matters for the whole year during that night (al-qadr also means ordainment or destiny).

1311 i.e., the angel Gabriel.

98. *The Clear Proof*  
(*Al-Bayyinah*)

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*The Prophet Is the Clear Proof*

1. The disbelievers from the People of the Book and the polytheists were not going to desist 'from disbelief' until the clear proof came to them:
2. a messenger from Allah, reciting scrolls of 'utmost' purity, 3. containing upright commandments. 4. It was not until this clear proof came to the People of the Book that they became divided "about his prophethood"—
5. even though they were only commanded to worship Allah 'alone' with sincere devotion to Him in all uprightness, establish prayer, and pay alms-tax. That is the upright Way.

*Fate of the Deniers*

6. Indeed, those who disbelieve from the People of the Book and the polytheists will be in the Fire of Hell, to stay there forever. They are the worst of 'all' beings.

*Fate of the Believers*

7. Indeed, those who believe and do good—they are the best of 'all' beings. 8. Their reward with their Lord will be Gardens of Eternity, under which rivers flow, to stay there for ever and ever. Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. This is 'only' for those in awe of their Lord.

عَمَّ ٣٠ ٨٣١ الزَّلْزَالُ ٩٩

حَتَّى تَأْتِيَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَةُ ۝١ رَسُولٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ يَتْلُوا صُحُفًا مُّطَهَّرَةً ۝٢  
فِيهَا كُتِبَ قِيمَةٌ ۝٣ وَمَا تَفَرَّقَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ  
إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَةُ ۝٤ وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا  
لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ ۚ خُنَفَاءَ وَيُقِيمُوا  
الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقِيمَةِ ۝٥ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ  
كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ  
فِيهَا ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ شَرُّ الْبَرِيَّةِ ۝٦ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا  
الصَّالِحَاتِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ خَيْرُ الْبَرِيَّةِ ۝٧ جَزَاءُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ  
جَنَّاتُ عَدْنٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا  
رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ۚ ذَلِكَ لِمَنِ خَشِيَ رَبَّهُ ۝٨

(٩٩) سُورَةُ الزَّلْزَالِ مَدَنِيَّةٌ (٩٣) رُكُوعُهَا ١

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِذَا زُلْزِلَتِ الْأَرْضُ زِلْزَالَهَا ۝ وَأَخْرَجَتِ الْأَرْضُ

أَثْقَالَهَا مَنزِلٌ ٨٤١

99. *The 'Ultimate' Quake*  
(*Az-Zalzalah*)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Horrors of Judgment Day*

1. When the earth is shaken 'in' its ultimate quaking, 2. and when the earth



أَتَقَالَهَا ٢ وَقَالَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا لَهَا ٣ يَوْمَئِذٍ تُحَدِّثُ  
أَخْبَارَهَا ٤ بِأَنَّ رَبَّكَ أَوْحَىٰ لَهَا ٥ يَوْمَئِذٍ يَصْدُرُ النَّاسُ  
أَشْتَاتًا ٦ لِّيُرَوْا أَعْمَالَهُمْ ٧ فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ  
حَيْرًا يَرَهُ ٨ وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ ٩

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ١٠  
سُورَةُ الْعَادِيَّاتِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (١٢)

وَالْعَادِيَّاتِ صَبَحًا ١ فَالْمُورِيَّتِ قَدَحًا ٢ فَالْبَغِيرَاتِ  
صَبَحًا ٣ فَاشْرَنَ بِهِ نَقْعًا ٤ فَوَسَطْنَ بِهِ جَمْعًا ٥  
إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَكَنُودٌ ٦ وَإِنَّهُ عَلَىٰ  
ذَٰلِكَ لَشَهِيدٌ ٧ وَإِنَّهُ لِحُبِّ الْخَيْرِ لَشَدِيدٌ ٨  
أَفَلَا يَعْلَمُ إِذَا بُعْثِرَ مَا فِي الْقُبُورِ ٩ وَحُصِّلَ  
مَا فِي الصُّدُورِ ١٠ إِنَّ رَبَّهُمْ بِهِمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ  
لَّخَبِيرٌ ١١

↑ throws out 'all' its contents,<sup>1312</sup> 3. and humanity cries, "What is wrong with it?"— 4. on that Day the earth will recount everything, 5. having been inspired by your Lord 'to do so'. 6. On that Day people will proceed in separate groups<sup>1313</sup> to be shown 'the consequences of' their deeds. 7. So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it. 8. And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it.



### 100. The Galloping 'Horses' (Al- 'Ādiyât)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Human Ingratitude

1. By the galloping, panting horses,  
2. striking sparks of fire 'with their hoofs', 3. launching raids at dawn,  
4. stirring up 'clouds of' dust, 5. and penetrating into the heart of enemy lines! 6. Surely humankind is ungrateful to their Lord— 7. and they certainly attest to this— 8. and they are truly extreme in their love of 'worldly' gains. 9. Do they not know that when the contents of the graves will be spilled out, 10. and the secrets of the hearts will be laid bare— 11. surely their Lord is All-Aware of them on that Day.



1312 lit., burdens (i.e., treasures and dead bodies).

1313 The believers will head to Paradise and the disbelievers will head to Hell.

101. The Striking Disaster  
(Al-Qâri'ah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Fate of the Righteous and the Wicked*

1. The Striking Disaster! 2. What is the Striking Disaster? 3. And what will make you realize what the Striking Disaster is? 4. 'It is' the Day people will be like scattered moths, 5. and the mountains will be like carded wool. 6. So as for those whose scale is heavy 'with good deeds', 7. they will be in a life of bliss. 8. And as for those whose scale is light, 9. their home will be the abyss. 10. And what will make you realize what that is? 11. 'It is' a scorching Fire.

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102. Competition for More 'Gains'  
(At-Takâthur)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

*Wasted Lives*

1. Competition for more 'gains' diverts you 'from Allah', 2. until you end up in 'your' graves. 3. But no! You will soon come to know. 4. Again, no! You will soon come to know. 5. Indeed, if you were to know 'your fate' with certainty, 'you would have acted differently'. 6. 'But' you will surely see the Hellfire. 7. Again, you will surely see it with the eye of certainty. 8. Then, on that Day, you will definitely be questioned about 'your worldly' pleasures.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْقَارِعَةُ ١ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ ٢ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ ٣  
يَوْمَ يَكُونُ النَّاسُ كَالْفَرَاشِ الْمَبْثُوثِ ٤ وَتَكُونُ  
الْجِبَالُ كَالْعِهْنِ الْمَنْفُوشِ ٥ فَأَمَّا مَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ ٦  
فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَاضِيَةٍ ٧ وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ ٨  
فَأُمُّهُ هَاوِيَةٌ ٩ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا هِيَةٌ ١٠ نَارُ حَامِيَةٍ ١١

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
أَلْهِكُمُ التَّكَاثُرَ ١ حَتَّى زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ ٢ كَلَّا سَوْفَ  
تَعْلَمُونَ ٣ ثُمَّ كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ ٤ كَلَّا لَوْ تَعْلَمُونَ  
عِلْمَ الْيَقِينِ ٥ لَتَرَوُنَّ الْجَحِيمَ ٦ ثُمَّ لَتَرَوُنَّهَا  
عَيْنَ الْيَقِينِ ٧ ثُمَّ لَتَسْأَلَنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ ٨

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سُورَةُ الْعَصْرِ

مَنْزِلٌ ٤

### 103. The 'Passage of' Time (Al-'Aṣr)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Wake-up Call to Humanity

1. By the 'passage of' time! 2. Surely humanity is in 'grave' loss, 3. except those who have faith, do good, and urge each other to the truth, and urge each other to perseverance.



### 104. The Backbiters (Al-Humazah)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Warning to Defamers

1. Woe to every backbiter, slanderer, 2. who amasses wealth 'greedily' and counts it 'repeatedly', 3. thinking that their wealth will make them immortal! 4. Not at all! Such a person will certainly be tossed into the Crusher. 5. And what will make you realize what the Crusher is? 6. 'It is' Allah's kindled Fire, 7. which rages over the hearts. 8. It will be sealed over them, 9. 'tightly secured' with long braces.<sup>1314</sup>



### 105. The Elephant (Al-Fil)

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Allah's Protection of the Ka'bah

1. Have you not seen 'O Prophet' how your Lord dealt with the Army of the Elephant? 2. Did He not frustrate

<sup>1314</sup> Other possible translations: 1. "The Fire will be in towering columns." 2. "They will be tied to long pillars."

their scheme? 3. For He sent against them flocks of birds, 4. that pelted them with stones of baked clay, 5. leaving them like chewed up straw.<sup>1315</sup>



# 106. 'The People of' Quraysh (Quraysh)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

## Allah's Major Favour to the Meccans<sup>1316</sup>

1. 'At least' for 'the favour of' making Quraysh habitually secure— 2. secure in their trading caravan 'to Yemen' in the winter and 'Syria' in the summer— 3. let them worship the Lord of this 'Sacred' House, 4. Who has fed them against hunger and made them secure against fear.<sup>1317</sup>



# 107. 'Simplest' Aid (Al-Mā'ûn)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

## Qualities of Judgment Deniers

1. Have you seen the one who denies the 'final' Judgment? 2. That is the one who repulses the orphan, 3. and does not encourage the feeding of the poor. 4. So woe to those 'hypocrites' who pray 5. yet are unmindful of their prayers; 6. those who 'only' show off, 7. and refuse to give 'even the simplest' aid.<sup>1318</sup>



<sup>1315</sup> Or worm-eaten leaves.

<sup>1316</sup> Quraysh is another name for the people of Mecca.

<sup>1317</sup> Blessing the people of Quraysh with provision and security is probably the answer to Abraham's prayer in 14:35-37.

<sup>1318</sup> They refuse to help others with small things like salt or water, let alone alms-tax.

عَمَّ ٣٠ ٨٢٥ الْقُرَيْشِ ١٠٦ الْمَاعُونُ ١٠٧

كَيْدَهُمْ فِي تَضْلِيلٍ ۝ وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَابِيلَ ۝ تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ ۝ فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّا كُوِّلَ ۝

(آيَاتُهَا ٣) (١٠٦) سُورَةُ الْقُرَيْشِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (٢٩) (رُوعَهَا ١)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝

إِذَا يَفْقِرَ الْقُرَيْشُ رِحْلَةَ الشِّتَاءِ وَالصَّيْفِ ۝ فَلْيَعْبُدُوا رَبَّ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ ۝ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُم مِّن جُوعٍ ۚ وَآمَنَهُم مِّنْ خَوْفٍ ۝

(آيَاتُهَا ٤) (١٠٧) سُورَةُ الْمَاعُونِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (١٤) (رُوعَهَا ١)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝

أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يُكَذِّبُ بِالدِّينِ ۝ فَذَلِكَ الَّذِي يَدْعُ الْيَتِيمَ ۝ وَلَا يَحْضُ عَلَى طَعَامِ الْمُسْكِينِ ۝ فَوَيْلٌ لِّلْمُصَلِّينَ ۝ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ ۝ الَّذِينَ هُمْ يُرَاءُونَ ۝ وَيَمْنَعُونَ الْمَاعُونَ ۝

سُورَةُ الْكَوْثَرِ مَنْزِلٌ

اٰیٰتُهَا ٣ ﴿١٠٨﴾ سُوْرَةُ الْكَوْثَرِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿١٥﴾ رَوْعُهَا ١

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

اِنَّا اَعْطَيْنَكَ الْكَوْثَرَ ۝۱ فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَانْحَرْ ۝۲

اِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ الْاَبْتَرُ ۝۳

اٰیٰتُهَا ٤ ﴿١٠٩﴾ سُوْرَةُ الْكَافِرُوْنَ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿١٨﴾ رَوْعُهَا ١

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

قُلْ يٰۤاَيُّهَا الْكٰفِرُوْنَ ۝۱ لَا اَعْبُدُ مَا تَعْبُدُوْنَ ۝۲ وَلَا

اَنْتُمْ عٰبِدُوْنَ مَا اَعْبُدُ ۝۳ وَلَا اَنَا عٰبِدُ مَا عٰبَدْتُمْ ۝۴ وَلَا

اَنْتُمْ عٰبِدُوْنَ مَا اَعْبُدُ ۝۵ لَكُمْ دِيْنُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِيْنِ ۝۶

اٰیٰتُهَا ٣ ﴿١١٠﴾ سُوْرَةُ النَّصْرِ مَكِّيَّةٌ ﴿١١٣﴾ رَوْعُهَا ١

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

اِذَا جَآءَ نَصْرُ اللّٰهِ وَالْفَتْحُ ۝۱ وَرَآیْتَ النَّاسَ

یَدْخُلُوْنَ فِیْ دِیْنِ اللّٰهِ اَفْوَاجًا ۝۲ فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ

رَبِّكَ

منزل ٤

# 108. Abundant Goodness (Al-Kawthar)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

## Good News to the Prophet

1. Indeed, We have granted you 'O Prophet' abundant goodness.<sup>1319</sup>
2. So pray and sacrifice to your Lord 'alone'.
3. Only the one who hates you is truly cut off 'from any goodness'.



# 109. The Disbelievers (Al-Kāfirūn)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

## No Compromise in Worshipping Allah

1. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O you disbelievers! 2. I do not worship what you worship, 3. nor do you worship what I worship. 4. I will never worship what you worship, 5. nor will you ever worship what I worship. 6. You have your way, and I have my Way."



# 110. The 'Ultimate' Help (An-Naṣr)

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

## Nearing the Journey's End

1. When Allah's help comes and the victory 'over Mecca is achieved',
2. and you 'O Prophet' see the people embracing Allah's Way in crowds,

<sup>1319</sup> This includes a heavenly river as well other favours in both worlds.

3. then glorify the praises of your Lord and seek His forgiveness, for certainly He is ever Accepting of Repentance.



### 111. The Palm-Fibre Rope (Al-Masad)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### The Fate of an Evil Couple

1. May the hands of Abu Lahab perish, and he 'himself' perish! 2. Neither his wealth nor 'worldly' gains will benefit him. 3. He will burn in a flaming Fire, 4. and 'so will' his wife, the carrier of 'thorny' kindling,<sup>1320</sup> 5. around her neck will be a rope of palm-fibre.<sup>1321</sup>



### 112. Purity of Faith (Al-Ikhlâs)

In the Name of Allah—  
the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Allah's Absolute Oneness

1. Say, 'O Prophet,' "He is Allah—One 'and Indivisible'; 2. Allah—the Sustainer 'needed by all'. 3. He has never had offspring, nor was He born. 4. And there is none comparable to Him."<sup>1322</sup>



<sup>1320</sup> Since she used to carry thorny branches and throw them in the way of the Prophet (ﷺ), she will be carrying firewood in Hell.

<sup>1323</sup> This was one of the earliest sûrahs revealed of the Quran. Paradoxically, for Abu Lahab to disprove the Quran, all he had to do was accept Islam because this verse condemns him to Hell.

<sup>1322</sup> As mentioned in the Introduction, the Quran has three main themes: 1. Stories, 2. Muslim teachings, 3. And belief in the unseen. Since Sûrah 112 covers the third theme, the Prophet (ﷺ) says in a *hadith* collected by Bukhârî and Muslim that reading this sûrah equals reading one third of the Quran.

رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ ۖ مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُ مَالُهُ وَمَا

كَسَبَ ۖ سَيَصْلَىٰ نَارًا ۖ ذَاتَ لَهَبٍ ۖ وَامْرَأَتُهُ

حَمَّالَةَ الْحَطَبِ ۖ فِي جِيدِهَا حَبْلٌ مِّن مَّسَدٍ ۝

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝ لَمْ يَلِدْ ۖ وَلَمْ

يُولَدْ ۖ وَلَمْ يَكُن لَّهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۝

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ ۝ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ ۝ وَ

مِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ

مَنْزِلٍ

مِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ ۝ وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ  
فِي الْعُقَدِ ۝ وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ ۝

الْأَنفَا ۶ ﴿۱۱۳﴾ سُورَةُ النَّاسِ مَكِّيَّةٌ (۲۱) رُوعَهَا ۱

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ ۝ مَلِكِ النَّاسِ ۝ إِلَهِ  
النَّاسِ ۝ مِنْ شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ ۝ الَّذِي

يُوسَّوْسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ ۝ مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ ۝

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝

وَعَارِ خَتَمِ الْقُرْآنِ اللَّهُمَّ أَنْسِ وَخَشَتِي فِي قَبْرِى اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِى  
بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَاجْعَلْ لِّى إِمَامًا وَنُورًا وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً اللَّهُمَّ ذَكِّرْنِى  
مِنْهُ مَا نَسِيتُ ۝ وَعَلِّمْنِى مِنْهُ مَا جَهِلْتُ وَأَنْزِلْ فِى تِلَاوَتِهِ أُنَاءَ الْبَيْلِ  
هَإِنِّاءَ النَّهَارِ وَاجْعَلْ لِّى حُجَّةً يَارَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۝

ترجمہ: اے اللہ میری قبر سے میری وحشت اور پریشانی کو دور فرما، خدا یا قرآن عظیم کی برکت اور رحمت مجھے  
نواز دے قرآن کو میرے لئے رہنما اور پیشوا بنا اور ساتھ ہی نور اور سبب ہدایت اور رحمت بنا اے الہی اس میں سے  
جو میں بھول گیا ہوں مجھے یاد دلائے، اور اس میں سے جو میں نہیں جانتا وہ مجھے سکھائے اور رات دن مجھے اس کی تلاوت  
نصیب فرما، اور قیامت کے روز اس کو میرے لئے دلیل بنا اے سارے عالم کے پروردگار کے لئے آمین

### 113. The Daybreak (Al-Falaq)

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Seeking Protection Against All Evil

1. Say, "O Prophet," "I seek refuge in the Lord of the daybreak 2. from the evil of whatever He has created, 3. and from the evil of the night when it grows dark, 4. and from the evil of those "witches casting spells by" blowing onto knots, 5. and from the evil of an envier when they envy."



### 114. Humankind (An-Nâs)

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful

#### Seeking Protection Against Evil Whispers

1. Say, "O Prophet," "I seek refuge in the Lord of humankind, 2. the Master of humankind, 3. the God of humankind, 4. from the evil of the lurking whisperer— 5. who whispers into the hearts of humankind— 6. from among jinn and humankind."



A THEMATIC ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF  
THE MESSAGE OF THE FINAL REVELATION



Body of the text is in the Arabic orientation.  
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☼	77. Those 'Winds' Sent Forth ( <i>Al-Mursalât</i> )	المرسلات
☼	78. The Momentous News ( <i>An-Naba'</i> )	النبا
☼☼	79. Those 'Angels' Stripping out 'Souls' ( <i>An-Nâzi'ât</i> )	النازعات
☼☼	80. He Frowned ( <i>'Abasa</i> )	عبس
☼	81. Putting out 'the Sun' ( <i>At-Takwîr</i> )	التكوير
☼	82. The 'Sky' Splitting Open ( <i>Al-Infîâr</i> )	الإنفطار
☼☼	83. Defrauders ( <i>Al-Mutaḥḥifîn</i> )	المطففين
☼	84. The 'Sky' Bursting Open ( <i>Al-Inshiqâq</i> )	الانشقاق
☼☼	85. Constellations ( <i>Al-Burûj</i> )	البروج
☼	86. The Nightly Star ( <i>At-Târiq</i> )	النطارق
☼☼	87. The Most High ( <i>Al-A'la</i> )	الأعلى
☼	88. The Overwhelming Event ( <i>Al-Ghâshiyah</i> )	الغاشية
☼	89. Dawn ( <i>Al-Fajr</i> )	الفجر
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☼☼	91. The Sun ( <i>Ash-Shams</i> )	الشمس
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☼☼	96. The Clinging Clot 'of Blood' ( <i>Al-'Alaq</i> )	العلق
☼	97. The Night of Glory ( <i>Al-Qadr</i> )	القدر
☼	98. The Clear Proof ( <i>Al-Bayyinah</i> )	البينة
☼	99. The 'Ultimate' Quake ( <i>Az-Zalzalah</i> )	الزلزلة
☼	100. The Galloping 'Horses' ( <i>Al-'Âdiyât</i> )	العاديات
☼	101. The Striking Disaster ( <i>Al-Qâri'ah</i> )	القارعة
☼	102. Competition for More 'Gains' ( <i>At-Takâthur</i> )	التكاثر
☼	103. The 'Passage of' Time ( <i>Al-'Aṣr</i> )	العصر
☼	104. The Backbiters ( <i>Al-Humazah</i> )	الهمزة
☼	105. The Elephant ( <i>Al-Fîl</i> )	الفيل
☼	106. 'The People of' Quraysh ( <i>Quraysh</i> )	قريش
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☼☼ 34. Sheba ( <i>Saba'</i> )	سبأ
☼ 35. The Originator ( <i>Fâtir</i> )	فاطر
☼☼ 36. Yâ-Sîn ( <i>Yâ-Sîn</i> )	يس
☼☼ 37. Those 'Angels' Lined up in Ranks ( <i>Aş-Şâffât</i> )	الصفافات
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☼ 39. The 'Successive' Groups ( <i>Az-Zumar</i> )	الزمر
☼☼ 40. The Forgiver ( <i>Ghâfir</i> )	غافر
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☼☼ 44. The Haze ( <i>Ad-Dukhân</i> )	الدخان
☼ 45. The Kneeling ( <i>Al-Jâthiyah</i> )	الحاثية
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☼☼ 47. Muḥammad ( <i>Muḥammad</i> )	محمد
☼☼ 48. The Triumph ( <i>Al-Fath</i> )	الفتح
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☼ 53. The Stars ( <i>An-Najm</i> )	النجم
☼☼ 54. The Moon ( <i>Al-Qamar</i> )	القمر
☼ 55. The Most Compassionate ( <i>Ar-Raḥmân</i> )	الرحمن
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☼☼ 64. Mutual Loss and Gain ( <i>At-Taghâbun</i> )	التغابن
☼☼ 65. Divorce ( <i>Aṭ-Ṭalâq</i> )	الطلاق
☼☼ 66. The Prohibition ( <i>At-Taḥrîm</i> )	التحريم
☼ 67. All Authority ( <i>Al-Mulk</i> )	الملك
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☼☼ 70. Pathways of 'Heavenly' Ascent ( <i>Al-Ma'ârij</i> )	المعارج
☼ 71. Noah ( <i>Nûh</i> )	نوح
☼ 72. The Jinn ( <i>Al-Jinn</i> )	الجن
☼☼ 73. The Wrapped One ( <i>Al-Muzzammil</i> )	المزمل
☼ 74. The One Covered up ( <i>Al-Muddaththir</i> )	المدثر
☼ 75. The 'Rising for' Judgment ( <i>Al-Qiyamah</i> )	القيامة

## SŪRAHS BY THEMES

The Quran has three main themes:

☪ **Doctrine** (e.g., acts of worship, human interactions, family relations, and business transactions), which focuses mainly on a Muslim's relationship with Allah, other people, and the rest of Allah's creation.

⌚ **Stories** (e.g., the story of Moses, Noah, and Šâlih), which served two purposes: to reassure the Prophet's heart, as he (ﷺ) was met with rejection in Mecca, and as cautionary tales for the pagans (see 11:120-123). Other stories (e.g., Joseph and Job) focus on moral lessons.

☀ **The Unseen** (e.g., the belief in Allah and His qualities, as well as angels, resurrection, judgment, etc.), which reaffirms one's faith in the divine through one's heart, not eyes.

Some *sûrahs* contain more than one theme, and some individual verses may touch on a theme not presented here, but the following table represents the general themes covered in the body of the text.

☀	1. The Opening ( <i>Al-Fâtihah</i> )	الفاتحة
☪☀	2. The Cow ( <i>Al-Baqarah</i> )	البقرة
☪☀	3. The Family of 'Imrân ( <i>Âli-'Imrân</i> )	آل عمران
☀	4. Women ( <i>An-Nisâ'</i> )	النساء
☪☀	5. The Spread Table ( <i>Al-Mâ'idah</i> )	المائدة
☪☀	6. Cattle ( <i>Al-An'âm</i> )	الأنعام
☪☀	7. The Heights ( <i>Al-A'râf</i> )	الأعراف
☀	8. Spoils of War ( <i>Al-Anfâl</i> )	الأنفال
☀	9. Repentance ( <i>At-Tawbah</i> )	التوبة
☪☀	10. Jonah ( <i>Yûnus</i> )	يونس
☪☀	11. Hûd ( <i>Hûd</i> )	هود
☪	12. Joseph ( <i>Yûsuf</i> )	يوسف
☀	13. Thunder ( <i>Ar-Ra'd</i> )	الرعد
☪☀	14. Abraham ( <i>Ibrâhîm</i> )	إبراهيم
☪☀	15. The Stone Valley ( <i>Al-Hijr</i> )	الحجر
☀	16. Bees ( <i>An-Nahl</i> )	النحل
☀	17. The Night Journey ( <i>Al-Isrâ'</i> )	الإسراء
☪☀	18. The Cave ( <i>Al-Kahf</i> )	الكهف
☪☀	19. Mary ( <i>Mariam</i> )	مريم
☪☀	20. Tâ-Hâ ( <i>Tâ-Hâ</i> )	طه
☪☀	21. The Prophets ( <i>Al-Anbiyâ'</i> )	الأنبياء
☀	22. The Pilgrimage ( <i>Al-Hajj</i> )	الحج
☪☀	23. The Believers ( <i>Al-Mu'minûn</i> )	المؤمنون
☀	24. The Light ( <i>An-Nûr</i> )	النور
☀	25. The Standard ( <i>Al-Furqân</i> )	الفرقان
☪☀	26. The Poets ( <i>Ash-Shu'arâ'</i> )	الشعراء
☪☀	27. The Ants ( <i>An-Naml</i> )	النمل
☪☀	28. The Whole Story ( <i>Al-Qaṣaṣ</i> )	القصص
☪☀	29. The Spider ( <i>Al-'Ankabût</i> )	العنكبوت
☀	30. The Romans ( <i>Ar-Rûm</i> )	الروم

## 109. The Disbelievers (Al-Kâfirûn)

## سُورَةُ الْكَافِرُونَ

*It is reported that the pagans offered to worship Allah alone for one year, provided that the Prophet (ﷺ) worshipped their multiple gods for a year. So this Meccan sûrah was revealed, telling them that he (ﷺ) will be dedicated only to the worship of Allah until the last breath of his life, which is the highlight of the next sûrah.*

## 110. The 'Ultimate' Help (An-Naşr)

## سُورَةُ النَّصْرِ

*This Medinian sûrah was revealed close to the end of the Prophet's life, instructing him that once his mission is complete and his message is embraced by many, he (ﷺ) should be ready to meet his Creator. A deterring example of those who rejected his message is given in the next sûrah.*

## 111. The Palm-Fibre Rope (Al-Masad)

## سُورَةُ الْمَسَدِ

*This Meccan sûrah is a warning to Abu Lahab (lit., the Father of Flames), who was an uncle of the Prophet (ﷺ). Both Abu Lahab and his wife Um Jamîl used to abuse the Prophet (ﷺ) and deny the One True God, Who is described in the next sûrah.*

## 112. Purity of Faith (Al-Ikhlâş)

## سُورَةُ الْإِخْلَاصِ

*This Meccan sûrah refutes the Trinity, idolatry, atheism, and polytheism and calls for full devotion to the only God, Who is worthy to be worshipped and Whose protection is to be sought, according to the next two sûrahs.*

## 113. The Daybreak (Al-Falaq)

## سُورَةُ الْفَلَقِ

*This Medinian sûrah is recited as a supplication to the Almighty against any kind of evil.*

## 114. Humankind (An-Nâs)

## سُورَةُ النَّاسِ

*Like the previous sûrah, this Medinian sûrah is a supplication against the evil of humans and jinn. This final sûrah emphasizes the fact that Allah is the Lord and Master of all and that He is the only One to be called upon for help, which connects full circle with the central theme of the first sûrah of the Quran.*

### 103. The 'Passage of' Time (Al-'Aṣr)

### سُورَةُ الْعَصْرِ

*This Meccan sūrah emphasizes that, unlike the evildoers mentioned in the next sūrah, only those who take advantage of this fleeting life by doing good will be successful in the eternal life to come.*

### 104. The Backbiters (Al-Humazah)

### سُورَةُ الْهُمَزَةِ

*This Meccan sūrah is critical of those who slander others and withhold Allah's bounties. It is made clear that their punishment in Hell is as easy for Allah as the destruction of the evil force mentioned in the next sūrah.*

### 105. The Elephant (Al-Fīl)

### سُورَةُ الْفِيلِ

*This Meccan sūrah recounts the story of Abraha Al-Habashi (lit., the Abyssinian), who led a large army of men and elephants to demolish the Ka'bah in 570 C.E. so pilgrims would visit the cathedral he had built in Yemen instead. However, the army was destroyed before reaching Mecca. It is commonly believed that the Prophet (ﷺ) was born the same year.*

### 106. 'The People of' Quraysh (Quraysh)

### سُورَةُ قُرَيْشٍ

*This Meccan sūrah is viewed as a continuation of the previous one. The general idea is that the Meccan pagans must be grateful and devoted to Allah alone for saving the Ka'bah from the Army of the Elephant. Those who are unfaithful to Allah and unkind to the helpless are criticized in the next sūrah.*

### 107. 'Simplest' Aid (Al-Mâ'ûn)

### سُورَةُ الْمَاعُونِ

*This Meccan sūrah, which takes its name from verse 7, condemns the deniers of the Hereafter for their lack of devotion to Allah and lack of compassion towards the needy. In the next sūrah, the Prophet (ﷺ) is ordered to be devoted to Allah alone and share the meat of his sacrificial animals with those in need.*

### 108. Abundant Goodness (Al-Kawthar)

### سُورَةُ الْكَوْثَرِ

*This Meccan sūrah was revealed to reassure the Prophet (ﷺ). Since the Prophet's sons died in childhood, Al-'Âs ibn Wâ'il, an infamous Meccan pagan, used to say that Muḥammad (ﷺ) would be forgotten because he had no son to carry his name. Today, 'Muḥammad' is the most common name in the world, whereas the name of Al-'Âs is barely mentioned. The Prophet (ﷺ) is ordered to be devoted to Allah alone, which is the underlying theme of the next sūrah.*

## 97. The Night of Glory (Al-Qadr)

سُورَةُ الْقَدْرِ

*Since the previous sûrah commemorates the first revelation, this Meccan sûrah celebrates the glorious night the Quran was revealed, which is believed to be the night of Ramaḍân 27, 610 C.E. The reason why the Prophet (ﷺ) was sent with the Quran is spelled out in the next sûrah.*

## 98. The Clear Proof (Al-Bayyinah)

سُورَةُ الْبَيِّنَاتِ

*According to this Medinian sûrah, the Prophet (ﷺ) was sent so the disbelievers may change their ways and devote their worship to Allah alone. Those who believe are promised a great reward, whereas those who persist in disbelief are warned of a horrible punishment. The judgment of the believers and disbelievers is the highlight of the next sûrah.*

## 99. The 'Ultimate' Quake (Az-Zalzalah)

سُورَةُ الزَّلْزَلَةِ

*This Medinian sûrah states that all deeds will be brought to light and accounted for on Judgment Day, which is also emphasized in the next sûrah.*

## 100. The Galloping 'Horses' (Al-'Âdiyât)

سُورَةُ الْاَعْيَادِ

*This Meccan sûrah stresses the fact that people will be accountable on Judgment Day for their ingratitude to their Lord. The scene of the people emerging from their graves (verse 9) is elaborated upon in the next sûrah.*

## 101. The Striking Disaster (Al-Qâri'ah)

الْقَارِعَةُ

*This Meccan sûrah describes the Resurrection and the weighing of deeds in the Hereafter, followed by the final destination to either Paradise or Hell. The reason why many people will end up in the Fire is given in the next sûrah.*

## 102. Competition for More 'Gains' (At-Takâthur)

سُورَةُ التَّكْوِيْنِ

*In this Meccan sûrah and the next, the disbelievers are criticized for wasting their lives doing things that do not matter in the Hereafter, most importantly hoarding wealth.*

## 92. The Night (Al-Layl)

## سُورَةُ اللَّيْلِ

*This Meccan sûrah emphasizes Allah's power to create and show the Way, the people's ability to choose between good and evil, and the consequences of each route. The fact that the believers will be rewarded to their satisfaction is highlighted in this sûrah (verse 21) and the next (93:5).*

## 93. The Morning Sunlight (Ad-Duḥa)

## سُورَةُ الضُّحَى

*It is reported that the revelation stopped for a while after the initial sûrahs of the Quran, so some Meccan pagans started to mock the Prophet (ﷺ), saying that Allah has become neglectful and hateful of him (ﷺ). Therefore, this Meccan sûrah was revealed to refute their false allegations and remind the Prophet (ﷺ) of some of Allah's favours.*

## 94. Uplifting the Heart (Ash-Sharḥ)

## سُورَةُ الشَّرْحِ

*Like the previous sûrah, this sûrah reminds the Prophet (ﷺ) of more blessings to reassure him of Allah's continued support in the city of Mecca, which is mentioned in the next sûrah.*

## 95. The Fig (At-Tîn)

## سُورَةُ التِّينِ

*This Meccan sûrah emphasizes that Allah honours humans but many of them debase themselves by denying the meeting with Him in the Hereafter. Abu Jahl, one of the most notorious deniers is referred to in the next sûrah.*

## 96. The Clinging Clot of Blood (Al-'Alaq)

## سُورَةُ الْعَلَقِ

*Verses 1-5 are known to be the first ever revealed of the Quran. The Prophet (ﷺ) was retreating at a cave in the outskirts of Mecca when the angel Gabriel appeared to him, squeezing him tightly and ordering him to read. Since the Prophet (ﷺ) was unlettered, he responded, "I cannot read." Ultimately, Gabriel taught him: "Read in the Name of your Lord ..." Some scholars believe that this encounter is the fulfilment of Isaiah 29:12, which states, "Then the book will be given to the one who is illiterate, saying, 'Read this.' And he will say, 'I cannot read.'" (The New American Standard Bible). The rest of the sûrah was later revealed to deter Abu Jahl, a Meccan pagan elite, from abusing the Prophet (ﷺ).*

## 87. The Most High (Al-A'la)

## سُورَةُ الْأَعْلَى

*Unlike the wicked who plot against Allah (according to the end of the previous sûrah), the Prophet (ﷺ) is ordered at the beginning of this Meccan sûrah to glorify his Lord. This fleeting world is compared to the short life of plants (verses 4-5). The Prophet (ﷺ) is reassured of Allah's support, and the wicked are warned of burning in Hell. This warning is emphasized in the next sûrah.*

## 88. The Overwhelming Event (Al-Ghâshiyah)

## سُورَةُ الْغَاشِيَةِ

*This Meccan sûrah compares the fate of the evildoers in the Hereafter to that of the good-doers. Those who disbelieve in Allah's might are criticized for failing to reflect on the wonders of His creation, and are warned of the fate of some destroyed disbelievers mentioned at the beginning of the next sûrah.*

## 89. Dawn (Al-Fajr)

## سُورَةُ الْفَجْرِ

*The Prophet (ﷺ) is reassured in this Meccan sûrah that the Arab pagans are not immune to the torments that befell 'Ad, Thamûd, and Pharaoh. A reference is made to the wicked who fail to be grateful in prosperity and patient in adversity. The evildoers will be regretful on Judgment Day, whereas the righteous will be honoured. Those who withhold Allah's bounties are criticized in this sûrah (verses 17-20) and the next (90:11-16).*

## 90. The City (Al-Balad)

## سُورَةُ الْبَلَدِ

*The underlying theme of this Meccan sûrah is that human beings are equipped with the necessary faculties to choose between right and wrong. The good-doers are promised Paradise and the evildoers are promised Hell. This theme is emphasized in the next sûrah.*

## 91. The Sun (Ash-Shams)

## سُورَةُ الشَّمْسِ

*This Meccan sûrah states that people have free choice to purify or corrupt their souls. Those who choose purity will be successful, and those who choose corruption will be destroyed like the people of Thamûd. Free choice is the highlight of the next sûrah as well.*



## 82. The 'Sky' Splitting Open (Al-Infīṭâr)

## سُورَةُ الْاِنْفِطَارِ

*Like the previous sûrah, this Meccan sûrah describes some of the horrors of the Day of Judgment. The disbelievers are criticized for being ungrateful to their Creator. Everyone—including the cheaters mentioned in the next sûrah—will be held accountable for their deeds, which are perfectly recorded by vigilant angels.*

## 83. Defrauders (Al-Muṭaffifin)

## سُورَةُ الْمُطَفِّفِينَ

*This Meccan sûrah begins with a warning to those who defraud scales about the horrible Day ahead, where the wicked will be severely punished and the virtuous will be richly rewarded. The sûrah closes by stating that the disbelievers will be paid back for making fun of the believers.*

## 84. The 'Sky' Bursting Open (Al-Inshiqâq)

## سُورَةُ الْاِنْشِقَاقِ

*As a follow-up to the previous sûrahs, this Meccan sûrah elaborates upon what to expect on Judgment Day. The believers will receive their records of deeds in their right hands and rejoice after an easy judgment, whereas the disbelievers will receive their records in their left hands and cry for instant destruction. The disbelievers are criticized for failing to submit to Allah, contrasted with the full submission of the sky and the earth in verses 1-5. More warnings to the evildoers appear in the next sûrah.*

## 85. Constellations (Al-Burûj)

## سُورَةُ الْبُرُوجِ

*The beginning of this Meccan passage condemns the persecution of the Christians of Najrân (a city on the border of Yemen and Saudi Arabia) at the hands of the pagans around 524 C.E. The tyrants are warned of the torment of burning, whereas the believers are promised a great reward in Paradise. Both this sûrah and the next swear by the towering sky, emphasize Allah's infinite power, pose a warning to the evildoers, and stress the divinity of the Quran.*

## 86. The Nightly Star (Aṭ-Ṭâriq)

## سُورَةُ الطَّارِقِ

*In this Meccan sûrah, an oath is made that whatever a person does is recorded by vigilant angels and that the Resurrection is as easy for Allah as the first creation. Another oath is made that the Quran is a decisive message, and a warning is given to those who plot against Allah.*

**77. Those 'Winds'  
Sent Forth  
(Al-Mursalât)**

سُورَةُ الْمُرْسَلَاتِ

*Like the two previous sûrahs and the next two sûrahs, this Meccan sûrah makes it clear that Allah's power to create should be taken as a proof of His ability to bring the dead back to life for judgment. The horrors of the Hour and the punishment of the wicked are stated in strong terms.*

**78. The Momentous News  
(An-Naba')**

سُورَةُ النَّبَاِ

*This Meccan sûrah thoroughly refutes the arguments of those who deny the Hereafter by citing some of the marvels of Allah's creation to prove His ability to raise the dead to life and reward everyone according to their deeds.*

**79. Those 'Angels'  
Stripping out 'Souls'  
(An-Nâzi'ât)**

سُورَةُ النَّازِعَاتِ

*This Meccan sûrah emphasizes that the Day of Judgment is inevitable and its time is known only to Allah. The destruction of Pharaoh is cited as a deterrent to the disbelievers.*

**80. He Frowned  
(Abasa)**

سُورَةُ عَبَسَ

*In a hadîth collected by At-Tirmizi, a blind man by the name of 'Abdullâh ibn um Maktûm, an early Muslim, came to the Prophet (ﷺ) seeking to learn more about the faith, while the Prophet (ﷺ) was in the middle of a discussion with an elite Meccan pagan, trying to convince him to abandon his idols and believe in the One True God. 'Abdullâh was so impatient that he interrupted the discussion several times. The Prophet (ﷺ) frowned and turned all his attention to the man he was already talking to. This Meccan sûrah was later revealed, telling the Prophet (ﷺ) that he should have tended to the faithful man who was eager to learn. After this sûrah was revealed, the Prophet (ﷺ) would honour 'Abdullâh, calling him 'the man for whom my Lord rebuked me.' He (ﷺ) even appointed him several times as his deputy over Medina. The sûrah calls upon the ungrateful disbelievers to reflect on how Allah produces plants out of the earth to realize how He can bring the dead out of their graves. The description of the horrors of the apocalypse is carried over to the next sûrah.*

**81. Putting out 'the Sun'  
(At-Takwîr)**

سُورَةُ التَّكْوِيْرِ

*This Meccan sûrah describes some of the apocalyptic events leading up to the Day of Judgment, stating that everyone will meet the consequences of their deeds. The sûrah closes by emphasizing that the Quran is Allah's revealed Word and that the Prophet (ﷺ) is not insane, as the pagans claim.*

### 73. The Wrapped One (Al-Muzzammil)

### سُورَةُ الْمُزَّمِّلِ

*This early Meccan sûrah prepares the Prophet (ﷺ) for the commandments yet to be revealed and the challenges ahead. The Prophet (ﷺ) is advised, both in this sûrah and the next, to seek comfort in patience and prayer, whereas the arrogant disbelievers are warned of a horrible punishment in Hell.*

### 74. The One Covered up (Al-Muddaththir)

### سُورَةُ الْمُدَّثِّرِ

*Following his first encounter with the angel Gabriel at a cave in the outskirts of Mecca, the Prophet (ﷺ) rushed to his house in total shock, asking his wife to cover him up with his cloak. Later, this Meccan sûrah was revealed, urging him (ﷺ) to shoulder the responsibility of delivering the message. Allah promises to deal with the pagan tyrants who oppose the truth, defame the Quran, and ridicule warnings of Hell. The pagan denial of the Hereafter is dealt with in the next sûrah.*

### 75. The 'Rising for' Judgment (Al-Qiyamah)

### سُورَةُ الْقِيَامَةِ

*This Meccan sûrah refutes the pagan denial of resurrection and judgment. The sûrah makes it clear that death and judgment are inescapable. The fact that Allah created humans from humble fluids and is able to bring all to account is detailed in the next sûrah.*

### 76. Humans (Al-Insân)

### سُورَةُ الْإِنشَاءِ

*This Meccan sûrah reminds the human beings of how Allah created them, equipped them with different faculties, showed them the Way, and gave them free choice. The reward of those who choose to believe is mentioned at length in this sûrah but passingly in the next sûrah (77:41-44), whereas the reward of those who choose to disbelieve is mentioned passingly in this sûrah (verse 4) but in great detail in the next. The Prophet (ﷺ) is advised to be steadfast and not yield to the deniers of Judgment Day.*

## 69. The Inevitable Hour (Al-Ĥâqqah)

## سُورَةُ الْحَاقَّةِ

*This Meccan sûrah refers to the destruction of the peoples of 'Âd, Thamûd, Pharaoh, and Lot (ﷺ) for denying the Hereafter. A reference is made to the apocalypse, followed by a touching description of the reward of the believers and the punishment of the disbelievers (verses 18-37). The pagan arguments against the Prophet (ﷺ) and the Quran are thoroughly refuted (verses 38-52). The horrors of the apocalypse are further described in the next sûrah.*

## 70. Pathways of 'Heavenly' Ascent (Al-Ma'ârij)

## سُورَةُ الْمَعَارِجِ

*This Meccan sûrah, which takes its name from verse 3, condemns the pagans for ridiculing the Day of Judgment (verses 1-2) and the Prophet (verses 36-37). The truth of the Hour is reaffirmed, along with the horrors that will ensue. The qualities of the people of Hell and the people of Paradise are described (verses 16-35). The Prophet (ﷺ) is reassured, while the pagans are warned—both themes are embedded in the story of Noah (ﷺ) in the next sûrah.*

## 71. Noah (Nûh)

## سُورَةُ نُوحٍ

*This Meccan sûrah describes how Noah (ﷺ) strived to deliver the message to his people for 950 years (corresponding to the total number of Arabic letters in this sûrah). He called them to the truth secretly and publically, using logical arguments to prove the mercy and oneness of Allah. But his people persisted in denial, only to perish in the Flood. The stubbornness of the Arab pagans in the previous sûrah and the long denial of the people of Noah in this sûrah are contrasted with how some jinn instantly believed once they heard the truth in the next sûrah.*

## 72. The Jinn (Al-Jinn)

## سُورَةُ الْجِنِّ

*This Meccan sûrah gives an account of a group of jinn who fully submitted to the One True God as soon as they heard the Prophet's recitation of the Quran. In comparison, the Arab pagans are criticized for their polytheistic beliefs. The pagans are told that the Prophet's duty is only to deliver the message. Bringing about the punishment, which the pagans demanded, is only within the power of Allah. The next sûrah provides more warning to the pagans and reassurance to the Prophet (ﷺ).*

## 65. Divorce (At-Talâq)

## سُورَةُ الطَّلَاقِ

*This Medinian sûrah outlines the manner of divorce and accommodation of divorced women and their young children (verses 1-7). Those who comply with Allah's commands are promised a great reward, whereas those who defy Him are warned of the fate of those who were destroyed before. Complying with Allah's orders is elaborated upon in the next sûrah.*

## 66. The Prohibition (At-Taḥrîm)

## سُورَةُ التَّحْرِيمِ

*This Medinian sûrah deals with an incident that happened within the Prophet's household. The Prophet (ﷺ) used to visit all of his wives in the evening. It so happened that he stayed longer than usual at the home of Zainab bint Jahsh, where he was offered honey—something he liked very much. Out of jealousy, two other wives (Hafṣah and 'Āishah) agreed between themselves to tell the Prophet (ﷺ), when he visited each of them, that his mouth gave off a bad smell, knowing that he (ﷺ) did not like bad smells. Eventually, the Prophet made an oath that he would never eat honey again, and told Hafṣah not to tell anyone about this. But she told 'Āishah that their plan worked. Both wives are subtly advised to learn from the example of the two believing women mentioned at the end of the sûrah—Mary and Āsiyah, the wife of Pharaoh—and take a lesson from the fate of the wives of Noah and Lot, who were both destroyed despite being wives of prophets. The believers are urged in this sûrah to mend their ways and genuinely repent to Allah in order to win His eternal reward, whereas the disbelievers are warned of a horrible fate. The fate of the disbelievers is elaborated upon in the next sûrah.*

## 67. All Authority (Al-Mulk)

## سُورَةُ الْمُلْكِ

*This Meccan sûrah stresses that Allah's infinite power is manifested through His perfect creation. Those who disbelieve in Allah and deny the Resurrection will be regretful in Hell, whereas those in awe of their Lord will be richly rewarded in Paradise. Allah's absolute authority is contrasted with the powerlessness of false gods. The fact that there is no protection from Allah's torment is emphasized in this sûrah (verses 20, 21, and 30) and the next (68:17-33).*

## 68. The Pen (Al-Qalam)

## سُورَةُ الْقَلَمِ

*In this Meccan sûrah, the Prophet's heart is reassured and his character is highly praised. He (ﷺ) is advised to be steadfast and not to yield to the pagans who reject his message and call him insane. The pagans are warned of an evil fate in this world and the Hereafter. To deter the pagans, the fate of some earlier disbelievers is cited in the next sûrah.*

## 61. The 'Solid' Ranks (Aş-Şaff)

## سُورَةُ الصَّفِّ

*The believers are instructed to strive in Allah's cause in solid battle formations (verse 4), hence the name of this Medinian sûrah. The disciples of Jesus, who stood up for Allah, are cited as an example for the believers to emulate. The believers are reassured that the truth will prevail despite the disbelievers' unrelenting plots against it. Those who stand up for Allah are promised great rewards in both worlds. The next sûrah provides more instructions to the believers.*

## 62. Friday Congregation (Al-Jumu'ah)

## سُورَةُ الْجُمُعَةِ

*This sûrah and the previous one have much in common. Both start by praising Allah. Those among the Jews who harmed Moses (ﷺ), according to the previous sûrah (61:5), are criticized here for not upholding the Torah (verse 5). Since the disciples of Jesus (ﷺ) are commended in the previous sûrah (61:14), the companions of Muhammad (ﷺ) are honoured in this sûrah (verses 2-4). The Prophet (ﷺ) is foretold by Jesus (ﷺ) in the previous sûrah (61:6) and is presented in this sûrah as Allah's favour to the believers. Similar to the previous sûrah, some instructions are given to the believers—this time, regarding the Friday congregation (verse 9), which gives this Medinian sûrah its name.*

## 63. The Hypocrites (Al-Munâfiqûn)

## سُورَةُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ

*Similar to the two previous sûrahs, this Medinian sûrah closes by offering more advice to the believers. The hypocrites are rebuked for hindering others from the path of Allah and discouraging people from donating in His cause. In contrast, the believers are advised to donate before they are overtaken by death—a reality that can come at any time.*

## 64. Mutual Loss and Gain (At-Taghâbun)

## سُورَةُ التَّغَابُنِ

*This Medinian sûrah takes its name from the reference to the Day of Judgment in verse 9, where people are divided into winners and losers. Since the last sûrah closes by urging the believers to donate before they are overtaken by death, this sûrah opens by emphasizing Allah's power to create and His ability to bring the dead back to life for judgment. The sûrah concludes by bidding the believers to spend in the cause of Allah, and not be discouraged by concerns for their spouses and children. The rights of spouses and children after divorce are laid out in the next sûrah.*

## 58. The Pleading Woman (Al-Mujâdilah)

## سُورَةُ الْمُجَادِلَةِ

*A companion named Khawlah bint Tha'labah had a disagreement with her husband, Aws ibn As-Sâmit, who then told her that she was as unlawful for him as the zahr (back) of his mother. This statement had been considered to be a form of divorce (known as zihâr) in Arabia. Khawlah came to the Prophet (ﷺ) to ask for his opinion. He (ﷺ) told her that he had not received any revelation in this regard, and that, based on tradition, she was divorced. She argued that she and her husband had children together who would suffer if their parents were separated. Then she started to plead to Allah as the Prophet (ﷺ) repeated the same answer. Eventually, this Medinian sûrah was revealed in response to her pleas, thereby abolishing this ancient practice. The sûrah emphasizes Allah's infinite knowledge and overwhelming power, and makes it clear that those who ally themselves with Allah and comply with His orders are bound to prevail, whereas those who challenge Him and ally themselves with His enemies will be debased and vanquished. This concept is elaborated upon in the next sûrah (verses 59:1-4 and 11-17).*

## 59. The Banishment (Al-Hashr)

## سُورَةُ الْحَشْرِ

*This Medinian sûrah takes its name from verse 2, which refers to the exile of the Jewish tribe of Banu An-Nadîr from Medina for conspiring with the Meccan pagans to violate peace agreements with the Muslims. The hypocrites are condemned for their secret alliance with Banu An-Nadîr. Some instructions are given regarding the distribution of the spoils of war. The sûrah closes by stressing unwavering obedience to Almighty Allah, which is further emphasized at the beginning of the next sûrah.*

## 60. The Test of Faith (Al-Mumtaḥanah)

## سُورَةُ الْمُحْتَجَّةِ

*This Medinian sûrah was revealed prior to the Prophet's conquest of Mecca following the pagans' violation of the peace treaty they had signed with the Muslims at Hudaibiyah. Despite the Prophet's orders to keep this plan secret, a companion by the name of Hâtib ibn Abi Balta'ah sent a warning letter to the Meccans, hoping that in turn they would protect his family—who were still in Mecca—in case the Muslims failed to enter the city. Soon the Prophet (ﷺ) received a revelation about what Hâtib did. The letter was intercepted, and Hâtib was later forgiven. Mecca surrendered peacefully to the Muslims, and its residents were pardoned by the Prophet (ﷺ). Muslims are instructed to be loyal to Allah and fellow believers, following the example of Prophet Abraham (ﷺ) (verses 4-6). The believers are not forbidden from courtesy to non-Muslim as long as they are not persecuting Muslims (verses 8-9). This sûrah takes its name from testing the faith of women fleeing Mecca by asking them, for example, if they have emigrated for Islam or only to be separated from their pagan husbands (verse 10). Other instructions to the believers are given at the end of this sûrah and the beginning of the next sûrah.*

## 54. The Moon (Al-Qamar)

## سُورَةُ الْقَمَرِ

*This Meccan sûrah, which takes its name from the splitting of the moon mentioned in verse 1, criticizes the disbelievers for rejecting warnings of the fast-approaching Hour. The pagans are warned of a dreadful fate similar to that of earlier disbelievers, who were mentioned passingly in the previous sûrah (53:50-54). The sûrah concludes by announcing that the righteous will be honoured in the presence of the Almighty, which is the highlight of the next sûrah.*

## 55. The Most Compassionate (Ar-Rahmân)

## سُورَةُ الرَّحْمَنِ

*This Meccan sûrah is a call to humans and jinn to acknowledge Allah's infinite blessings, hence the recurring question: "Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny?" which is repeated thirty-one times. Life on earth will come to an end, ushering in the Day of Judgment, where people will be classified into three groups based on their deeds and consequent rewards: the disbelievers (verses 31-45), the best of the believers (verses 46-61), and the average believers (verses 62-78).*

## 56. The Inevitable Event (Al-Wâqi'ah)

## سُورَةُ الْوَاقِعَةِ

*This Meccan sûrah is identical to the previous one in classifying people into three groups on Judgment Day and discussing how Allah's blessings are taken for granted. These blessings should be seen as a proof of His ability to raise the dead for judgment. Moreover, references are made to the creation of the human race, the divine nature of the Quran, and the horrors of the apocalypse. Allah is glorified in the last verse of this sûrah and the first verse of the next sûrah.*

## 57. Iron (Al-Hadîd)

## سُورَةُ الْحَدِيدِ

*This Medinian sûrah, which takes its name from the reference to iron in verse 25, is an invitation to strive in Allah's cause and spend in His Way. Similar to the next sûrah, a strong emphasis is placed on Allah's knowledge and power. It is made clear that Allah is able to revive faith in the hearts of the believers just as He can revive the earth after its death. The believers are advised regarding destiny and the life of this world, while the hypocrites are warned of the evil fate awaiting them. Some prophets are mentioned passingly before making a final invitation to the People of the Book to believe in Allah and His Prophet (ﷺ).*



## 50. Qāf (Qāf)

## سُورَةُ قَافٍ

*Since the previous sūrah primarily addresses the believers, this sūrah mainly talks about the disbelievers—particularly the deniers of resurrection. References are made to earlier destroyed deniers and Allah's infinite power to prove His ability to create and resurrect. The deniers of resurrection are told what to expect after death and judgment. The Prophet (ﷺ) is urged to be steadfast. The certainty of the Hereafter is emphasized both at the end of this sūrah and the beginning of the next.*

## 51. Scattering Winds (Aḏ-Ḍarīyât)

## سُورَةُ الدَّارِيَاتِ

*Like the previous sūrah, this Meccan sūrah makes the case for the Resurrection, citing some of Allah's natural signs in the universe to prove His ability to bring the dead back to life. Several examples are given of the deniers of judgment who were destroyed, which contrast with the reward of the believers. The Prophet (ﷺ) is urged to carry on reminding. Both the end of this sūrah and the beginning of the next pose a warning of the Day of Judgment.*

## 52. Mount Ṭūr (Aṭ-Ṭūr)

## سُورَةُ الطُّورِ

*This Meccan sūrah takes its name from verse 1, where Allah swears by Mount Ṭūr, among other things, that the Day of Judgment is inevitable. The punishment of those skeptical of judgment is described, followed by a detailed description of the reward of the believers along with their offspring (verses 17-28). Atheism is also rejected (verses 25-36). The Prophet (ﷺ) is reassured of Allah's support, while the pagan beliefs and arguments are refuted both in this sūrah and the next.*

## 53. The Stars (An-Najm)

## سُورَةُ النَّجْمِ

*This Meccan sūrah takes its name from the reference to the fading of the stars in the first verse (as well as the last verse of the previous sūrah). The divine source of the Prophet's message is emphasized, followed by reference to his ascension to heaven during the Night Journey (see the introduction to Sūrah 17). The pagans are condemned for associating idols with Allah in worship and for claiming that the angels are Allah's daughters. Manifestations of Allah's infinite power are cited to prove His ability to resurrect. Both the end of this sūrah and the beginning of the next stress the imminence of the Hour.*

## 47. Muḥammad (Muḥammad)

## سُورَةُ مُحَمَّدٍ

*This Medinian sūrah, which takes its title from the Prophet's name in verse 2, discusses the etiquette of fighting in the battlefield. The faithful believers are promised different types of rivers and fruits in Paradise, whereas the disbelievers and the hypocrites are warned of an evil fate. To preserve the reward of their good deeds, the believers are urged to strive in the Way of Allah and donate in His cause, culminating in the clear triumph in the next sūrah.*

## 48. The Triumph (Al-Fath)

## سُورَةُ الْفَتْحِ

*This Medinian sūrah takes its name from the clear triumph (i.e., Treaty of Hudaibiyah) in verse 1. The Prophet (ﷺ) and 1400 of his companions travelled to Mecca to perform the minor pilgrimage ('umrah) in 6 A.H. / 628 C.E. He (ﷺ) sent 'Uthmān ibn 'Affān to let the Meccans know that the Muslims had come in peace, only to visit the Sacred House. When the Meccans delayed 'Uthmān, the Prophet (ﷺ) thought they might have killed his envoy. So he (ﷺ) called upon the faithful to pledge allegiance to him under a tree at Hudaibiyah in the outskirts of Mecca. Shortly after, 'Uthmān returned safely and a peace agreement was signed by the Muslims and Meccan pagans, stating in part that the Muslims would have to return to Medina and come back next year for 'umrah. The Treaty of Hudaibiyah is described as a clear triumph since it established peace, temporarily diffused the tension between the Muslims and the Meccan pagans, and gave the Muslims plenty of time to spread awareness and understanding of their faith. Thousands from different tribes accepted Islam during that truce. The sūrah commends the believers for proving true to Allah and His Messenger, criticizes the hypocrites for not marching forth with the Prophet (ﷺ), and condemns the pagans for denying the believers access to the Sacred House. The description of the true believers both in the Torah and the Gospel is given at the end of the sūrah, followed by instructions on proper conduct with the Prophet (ﷺ) and other believers in the next sūrah.*

## 49. The Private Quarters (Al-Hujurât)

## سُورَةُ الْحُجُرَاتِ

*This Medinian sūrah, which takes its name from the reference to the Prophet's private quarters in verse 4, instructs the believers on the proper conduct towards the Prophet (verses 1-5) and the social etiquette of dealing with other believers (verses 6-12) and the rest of humanity (verse 13). At the end of the sūrah, the nomadic Arabs are taught that true faith is proven by action not only words.*

### 43. Ornaments (Az-Zukhruf)

### سُورَةُ الزُّكْرَفِ

*This Meccan sûrah takes its name from the ornaments mentioned in verse 35. The pagans are scorned for following their forefathers blindly, labelling the angels as Allah's daughters, claiming that Muhammad (ﷺ) is not worthy to receive revelations because he is not rich, and for associating idols with Allah in worship, although they admit that He is the sole Creator of the heavens and the earth. Similar to the next sûrah, the pagans are warned of a horrifying punishment in Hell and the believers are promised a great reward in Paradise.*

### 44. The Haze (Ad-Dukhân)

### سُورَةُ الدُّخَانِ

*This Meccan sûrah takes its name from the haze (caused by drought), which is mentioned in verse 10. Similar to the previous sûrah, the Meccan pagans are equated with Pharaoh's people for going back on their promise of full submission to Allah once the plague is removed from them. The Quran is said to have been revealed on a blessed night for the guidance of humanity. Those who embrace its guidance will be honoured in Paradise and those who reject it will be debased in Hell. This fate is the underlying theme in the next sûrah.*

### 45. The Kneeling (Al-Jâthiyah)

### سُورَةُ الْجَاثِيَةِ

*This Meccan sûrah, which takes its name from the kneeling of every faith-community on Judgment Day mentioned in verse 28, is critical of those who turn away from Allah's revelations, deny the Resurrection, ridicule the truth, and fail to appreciate Allah's countless favours and marvels of creation. The dreadful judgment of these deniers is featured in the last part of the sûrah. All these themes are emphasized in the next sûrah as well.*

### 46. The Sand-Hills (Al-Ahqâf)

### سُورَةُ الْاٰحْقَافِ

*This Meccan sûrah takes its name from the sand-hills mentioned in verse 21 in the story of the people of Hûd (ﷺ) who were destroyed for their disbelief, even though they were far superior to the Arab pagans (verses 21-28). Again, Allah's infinite power is contrasted with the powerlessness of the idols. The pagan arguments against the Quran and the Resurrection are refuted, and reference is made to a group of jinn who readily embraced the truth once they heard the Prophet's recitation of the Quran. The Prophet (ﷺ) is urged to be patient, and reminded of the fate awaiting those who challenge the truth at the end of this sûrah and the beginning of the next.*

those descendants choose to be faithful and grateful to their Creator, while others choose not to. Eventually, following a fair judgment, the former will be led to their places in Paradise and the latter to their places in Hell—each in successive groups (hence the *sûrah*'s name). Allah's willingness to forgive sins is highly emphasized in the last part of this *sûrah* and the beginning of the next.

#### 40. The Forgiver (Ghâfir)

سُورَةُ غَافِرٍ

In essence, this Meccan *sûrah* emphasizes the main concepts highlighted both in the previous and following *sûrah*s—namely Allah being infinite in mercy and severe in punishment, and humanity being either grateful or ungrateful to their Lord along with the reward that ensues. All this is embodied in the story of Moses (verses 23-54)—with Pharaoh as the ungrateful disbeliever and an unidentified man from Pharaoh's people as the grateful believer. The Prophet (ﷺ) is repeatedly advised to be patient, keeping in mind that Allah never lets His prophets down (verses 51 and 77).

#### 41. 'Verses' Perfectly Explained (Fuṣṣilat)

سُورَةُ فَصَّلَتْ

This Meccan *sûrah*, which takes its name from the description of the Quran in verse 3, rebukes the pagans for turning away from the truth; abusing the Quran; and for denying Allah, the sole Creator of the heavens and the earth. The deniers are warned that their own bodily organs will testify against them on Judgment Day, landing them in Hell forever. Reference to the destruction of the arrogant, ungrateful peoples of 'Âd and Thamûd is made because the pagan Arabs used to pass by their ruins on their journeys to Syria and Yemen, respectively. A profound description of the righteous is given in verses 30-36. The truth of the Quran is emphasized at the end of this *sûrah* and the beginning of the next.

#### 42. Consultation (Ash-Shûra)

سُورَةُ الشُّورَى

This Meccan *sûrah* takes its name from verse 38 which talks about conducting affairs by mutual consultation as one of the qualities of the true believers. The *sûrah* emphasizes that Allah has decreed for Muslims the same religion ordained for all the previous prophets. The believers are commanded to resort to Allah's judgment if disagreement arises. Allah's oneness, power, and wisdom are emphasized as the pagans' faith in powerless idols is condemned. Both the end of this *sûrah* and the beginning of the next stress the fact that the Quran has been revealed by Allah.

### 36. Yâ-Sîn (Yâ-Sîn)

### سُورَةُ يٰسٖن

*This Meccan sûrah emphasizes the divine nature and purpose of the Quran. The Arab pagans are reminded of the fate of earlier disbelievers and condemned for following Satan, denying the Resurrection, discrediting the Quran, and rejecting the Prophet (ﷺ) as 'a poet.' Similar to the next sûrah, some examples of Allah's wonders of creation are cited to prove His ability to bring the dead back to life.*

### 37. Those 'Angels' Lined up in Ranks (Aş-Şâffât)

### سُورَةُ الصّٰفٰتِ

*For the most part, this Meccan sûrah explains verse 31 from the previous sûrah: "Have the deniers not considered how many peoples We destroyed before them ...?". Hence, several examples of destroyed disbelievers are cited here, including the peoples of Noah, Lot, and Elias (عليه السلام). Some basic truths are emphasized, including the oneness of Allah, the Resurrection, and the prophethood of Muhammad (ﷺ). The pagans are criticized for calling the Prophet (ﷺ) 'a mad poet' and for claiming that the angels are Allah's daughters. This sûrah provides more details on the punishment of the disbelievers and the reward of the believers in the Hereafter (verses 19-68). In conclusion, the Prophet (ﷺ) is reassured that Allah's messengers always prevail.*

### 38. Şâd (Şâd)

### سُورَةُ ص

*This sûrah is perceived as a continuation of the previous sûrah since it mentions some prophets that are not mentioned there—such as David, Solomon, and Job (عليه السلام). Again, the pagans are condemned for denying the oneness of Allah, rejecting the Prophet (ﷺ) as 'a magician, a total liar,' and for claiming that the world was created without purpose. Reference is made to the creation of Adam (ﷺ) and the enmity Satan has for him and his descendants (verses 71-85), and the punishment awaiting the misleaders and their followers (verses 55-64), contrasted with the bliss in store for the righteous (verses 49-54). The end of this sûrah emphasizes the universality of the Quran whereas the beginning of the next speaks of its divine nature.*

### 39. The 'Successive' Groups (Az-Zumar)

### سُورَةُ الزُّمَرِ

*This Meccan sûrah builds on the story of the creation of Adam in the previous sûrah by referring to the creation of Adam's spouse, and how their descendants were created in the womb, developing in successive stages. Some of*

## 32. The Prostration (As-Sajdah)

## سُورَةُ السَّجْدَةِ

*This Meccan sûrah, which takes its name from the prostrations of the believers in worship mentioned in verse 15, makes it clear that the Quran is a divine revelation and that Almighty Allah is the sole Creator, most capable of resurrection. Similar to the previous sûrah, a reference is made to the qualities of the believers and the disbelievers and the reward awaiting each. Both the end of this sûrah and the beginning of the next urge the Prophet (ﷺ) to turn away from the deniers and not yield to them.*

## 33. The Enemy Alliance (Al-Ahzâb)

## سُورَةُ الْأَحْزَابِ

*This Medinian sûrah takes its name from the enemy alliance (mentioned in verses 9–27) which laid a siege around Medina during the Battle of the Trench in 5 A.H./627 C.E. While the believers are reminded of Allah's aid against the enemy alliance, the hypocrites are condemned repeatedly. The sûrah provides social guidelines regarding adoption, divorce, modesty, and the etiquette of dealing with the Prophet (ﷺ) and his wives. In view of Allah's favours to the believers (including His forgiveness and generous reward at the end of the sûrah), the next sûrah starts off with praises to Allah.*

## 34. Sheba (Saba')

## سُورَةُ سَبَأٍ

*This Meccan sûrah takes its name from the reference to the people of Sheba (verses 15-20) who were punished for meeting Allah's favours with ingratitude. Both David (ﷺ) and Solomon (ﷺ) are cited as grateful servants of Allah. The Meccan pagans are reminded that only faith can bring them closer to Allah, not their wealth. They are criticized for calling the Prophet (ﷺ) 'insane' and are warned of punishment in this life and the next. Both the last part of this sûrah (verses 40-41) and the beginning of the next (verse 1) reaffirm the angels as Allah's faithful servants.*

## 35. The Originator (Fâtîr)

## سُورَةُ فَاتِرٍ

*This Meccan sûrah demonstrates Allah's infinite power through the marvels of His creation, in contrast with the powerlessness of the pagan idols. The Prophet (ﷺ) is consoled by the fact that many prophets were denied before him. The believers are promised of a great reward in Paradise (verses 31-35), while the disbelievers are warned of a scathing punishment in Hell (verses 36-39). All these themes are echoed in the next sûrah.*

## 29. The Spider (Al-'Ankabût)

## سُورَةُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ

*This Meccan sûrah takes its name from the parable of the spider in verse 41. The beginning of the sûrah emphasizes the role of trials and tribulations in revealing those who are truly steadfast and those who are not. Noah, Abraham, Lot, and Shu'aib (ﷺ) are noted for their perseverance. References are made to various peoples and the different ways they were destroyed for their denial of the truth (verse 40). The pagan arguments against the Prophet and the Quran are thoroughly refuted. The sûrah concludes by commending those who put their trust in Allah and strive in His cause. This conclusion paves the way for the opening of the next sûrah.*

## 30. The Romans (Ar-Rûm)

## سُورَةُ الرُّومِ

*This Meccan sûrah takes its name from the reference to the Romans in verse 2. The world's superpowers in the early 7<sup>th</sup> century were the Roman Byzantine and Persian Empires. When they went to war in 614 C.E., the Romans suffered a devastating defeat. The Meccan pagans rejoiced at the defeat of the Roman Christians at the hands of the Persian pagans. Soon verses 30:1-5 were revealed, stating that the Romans would be victorious in three to nine years. Eight years later, the Romans won a decisive battle against the Persians, reportedly on the same day the Muslims vanquished the Meccan army at the Battle of Badr. As the sûrah progresses, several blessings and natural signs are cited to prove Allah's infinite mercy and power, coupled with condemnations to the pagans for their ingratitude and for associating powerless idols with Allah in worship. The sûrah closes by bidding the Prophet (ﷺ) not to be disheartened by what the deniers say.*

## 31. Luqmân (Luqmân)

## سُورَةُ لُقْمَانَ

*This Meccan sûrah is named after Luqmân, a wise African man who is quoted giving pieces of advice to his son (verses 12–19) on one's relationship with Allah and the people. While the believers are praised, the pagans are condemned for their ingratitude, distracting others from the Way of Allah, and for setting up idols as His equals. Similar to the previous sûrah, references are made to Allah's natural marvels, challenging the deniers to point out anything their gods have created. The sûrah concludes by warning humanity of the Day of Judgment, ushering in the next sûrah.*

## 25. The Standard (Al-Furqân)

## سُورَةُ الْفُرْقَانِ

*This Meccan sûrah takes its name from verses 1-6, which refute the pagan claims that the Quran was fabricated and plagiarized from earlier scriptures. Other passages condemn polytheism, denial of resurrection, and mocking the Prophet (ﷺ). Allah's power, manifested in the marvels of creation and rain, is emphasized in this sûrah and the previous one. The qualities of the righteous servants of Allah are beautifully laid out in verses 63-76.*

## 26. The Poets (Ash-Shu'arâ')

## سُورَةُ الشُّعَرَاءِ

*This Meccan sûrah takes its name from the reference to poets in verses 224-226. Since the previous sûrah ends with a warning to the deniers of the truth, this sûrah recounts several cautionary tales of destroyed deniers such as Pharaoh and the peoples of Noah, Shu'aib, Lot, and Sâlih (ﷺ). The divine origin of the Quran is emphasized at both ends of the sûrah. The qualities of the believers mentioned in the last verse (227) are elaborated upon at the beginning of the next sûrah.*

## 27. The Ants (An-Naml)

## سُورَةُ النَّمْلِ

*This Meccan sûrah narrates the encounters of Solomon (ﷺ) with ants (hence the sûrah's name), a hoopoe, and the Queen of Sheba—which do not appear in any other sûrah. Allah's power to create and provide is contrasted with the powerlessness of the idols. Some deterring examples are given to the pagans, along with a warning of the horrors of the apocalypse. The Prophet (ﷺ) is reassured of the truth of the Quran and told that his duty is only to deliver the message. Judgment rests with Allah alone.*

## 28. The Whole Story (Al-Qaṣaṣ)

## سُورَةُ الْقَصَصِ

*In 26:18-19, Pharaoh reminds Moses (ﷺ) of his up-bringing in the care of Pharaoh and how Moses (ﷺ) killed an Egyptian (accidentally). Unlike the previous sûrah, this Meccan sûrah focuses on these two aspects of Moses' life in Egypt, along with his escape to Median where he met his future wife. Another aspect is the story of Korah, one of the people of Moses, who behaved arrogantly, leading to his own destruction. Just like the previous sûrah, it reaffirms Allah's power and the authenticity of the Quran. Again, the Prophet (ﷺ) is reminded that his duty is not to convert, but to convey. After criticizing the polytheists (verses 45-75), the sûrah concludes by bidding the Prophet (ﷺ) to be steadfast. The next sûrah starts off by talking about steadfastness.*



## 21. The Prophets (Al-Anbiyâ')

## سُورَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ

*Like the previous sûrah, this is another Meccan sûrah that aims at reassuring the Prophet (ﷺ) by reminding him of Allah's grace and support to His prophets, including Abraham, Job, Jonah, Zachariah, and Jesus (ﷺ). The Prophet (ﷺ) is said to be sent as a mercy to the whole world (verse 107). Warnings of the horrors of Judgment Day are dispersed throughout the sûrah and are carried over to the next sûrah.*

## 22. The Pilgrimage (Al-Ḥajj)

## سُورَةُ الْحَجِّ

*This Medinian sûrah takes its name from the passage that talks about pilgrimage rituals (verses 25-37), along with condemnations to the pagans for hindering the believers from reaching the Sacred House in Mecca. After fifteen years of persecution, here the believers receive the permission to fight back in self-defence (verse 39). Idolatry is condemned and the idols are rejected as pathetic, incapable of even creating a fly. In conclusion, the believers are told that they can achieve success through prayer and good deeds—a theme which extends to the beginning of the next sûrah.*

## 23. The Believers (Al-Mu'minûn)

## سُورَةُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

*This Meccan sûrah emphasizes that the believers are guaranteed success (verse 1), whereas the disbelievers are bound to fail (verse 117). Like the previous sûrah, it makes the case for Allah's oneness as well as His power to create and resurrect. The last part is dedicated to the judgment of the believers and the disbelievers, focusing on the fate of the wicked who abuse the believers. This theme extends to the next sûrah.*

## 24. The Light (An-Nûr)

## النُّورِ

*This Medinian sûrah takes its name from the divine light mentioned in verses 35-36. A large portion of this sûrah deals with the issue of sexual misconduct hinted at in the previous sûrah (23:7). The sûrah also offers some guidelines to the believers on how they should have reacted to false rumours against 'Aishah, the Prophet's wife. Other issues are discussed, including modesty, entering people's homes, forced prostitution, hypocrisy, and false accusations of adultery. Allah's power, compliance with His judgment, and obedience to the Prophet (ﷺ) are highly emphasized.*

## 18. The Cave (Al-Kahf)

## سُورَةُ الْكَافِ

*This Meccan sūrah takes its name from the story of the people of the cave in verses 9-26. According to Ibn 'Abbās, the Prophet (ﷺ) was asked about the youths who hid in a cave, a king who dominated large parts of the world, and about the spirit, so 18:9-26, 18:83-99, and 17:85 were revealed. The Prophet (ﷺ) says in an authentic narration collected by At-Tirmizi, "No one's feet will move on Judgment Day until they are asked about four things: 1) What they did in their youth. 2) How they earned and spent their wealth. 3) What they did with their knowledge. 4) And how they spent their lives." Interestingly, these four questions correspond to the four stories mentioned in this sūrah: 1) The story of the youths and the cave. 2) The story of the wealthy man with two gardens. 3) The story of Moses and the man of knowledge. 4) And finally the story of Zul-Qarnain and his life and travels in the service of Allah. The four stories are interjected by warnings to the disbelievers and good news to the believers. Like the story of the people of the cave, some miraculous stories appear in the next sūrah.*

## 19. Mary (Mariam)

## سُورَةُ مَرْيَمَ

*This Meccan sūrah recounts the miraculous stories of the birth of Jesus by the virgin Mary (after whom the sūrah is named) and the birth of John the Baptist to old Zachariah and his elderly, barren wife. Other prophets are cited as recipients of Allah's favour and grace. Attributing children to Allah (verses 88-95) and denial of resurrection (verses 66-70) are rejected as outrageous and blasphemous. Both the end of this sūrah and the beginning of the next one talk about the purpose of revealing the Quran.*

## 20. Tâ-Hâ (Tâ-Hâ)

## سُورَةُ طه

*Since Moses (ﷺ) and Adam (ﷺ) are mentioned passingly in the previous sūrah, their stories are recounted here in great detail. This Meccan sūrah reassures the Prophet (ﷺ) that the truth always prevails even against the most tyrannical opposition (in the form of Pharaoh) and that Allah is able to open even the hardest of hearts (in the form of Pharaoh's magicians). Both the beginning and the end of the sūrah emphasize the divine nature of the Quran as a source of guidance and eternal bliss. Those who turn away from the Quranic reminder are warned of misery in this world and horrifying punishment on the Day of Judgment. The Prophet (ﷺ) is advised to seek comfort in patience and prayer against pagan denial, which is detailed at the beginning of the next sūrah.*

## 15. The Stone Valley (Al-Hijr)

## سُورَةُ الْحَجَرِ

*This Meccan sūrah takes its name from the place mentioned in 80-84, where the people of Ṣāliḥ once lived. Other destroyed peoples are mentioned as a warning to Arab deniers, who are also warned at the beginning of the next sūrah. Satan's arrogance towards Allah and enmity towards humanity are emphasized. The Prophet (ﷺ) is urged to exercise patience and seek comfort in worship.*

## 16. Bees (An-Nahl)

## سُورَةُ النَّحْلِ

*This Meccan sūrah, also known as the Sūrah of Blessings (Sūratu An-Ni'am), takes its name from the bees mentioned in verses 68-69, which are described as one of Allah's numerous favours to humanity. Instead of showing gratitude to Allah for all these blessings, the pagans wilfully set up idols, associating them with Allah in worship. They are also condemned for burying their daughters alive (verses 58-59). References are made to grateful believers and ungrateful disbelievers along with the ultimate reward for each group. Abraham (ﷺ) is cited close to the end of the sūrah as a grateful servant of Allah, whose example should be emulated by all believers. The sūrah concludes by instructing the Prophet (ﷺ) to endure patiently and invite all to the Way of Allah with wisdom and grace.*

## 17. The Night Journey (Al-Isrâ')

## سُورَةُ الْاِسْرَاءِ

*Since Abraham (ﷺ) is praised in the last verses of the previous sūrah as a role model for the world, this Meccan sūrah speaks of how the Prophet (ﷺ) is honoured in this world through the Night Journey from Mecca to Jerusalem then to the heavens and back to Mecca—all in one night (verses 1 and 60). He (ﷺ) will also be honoured on the Day of Judgment through the station of praise where he will make intercession (verse 79). The children of Israel are referred to passingly at the end of the previous sūrah, but more insights are given about them both at the beginning and the end of this sūrah. The key to success in this life and salvation in the next is encapsulated in a set of divine commandments (verses 22-39), along with a warning against Satan and his whispers (verses 61-65). The sūrah is critical of the pagan arguments against resurrection and their ridiculous demands (verses 89-93). Criticism of attributing partners and children to Allah is carried over to the next sūrah.*

## 12. Joseph (Yûsuf)

## سُورَةُ يُوسُفَ

*Rightfully called 'the best of stories,' this uplifting Meccan sûrah was revealed along with the two previous sûrahs at a critical time in the life of the Prophet (ﷺ) following the death of his wife Khadîjah and his uncle Abu Tâlib, his two main supporters, shortly after a 3-year boycott by the Meccan pagans to suppress the believers. This is the story of Joseph (ﷺ) whose half-brothers were driven by jealousy, conspiring to distance him from his father Jacob (ﷺ). Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt, falsely accused, and imprisoned for several years, only to become Egypt's Chief Minister. Just like Joseph (ﷺ), the Prophet (ﷺ) had to live away from his hometown, was faced with false allegations and abused by his own people, but ultimately became Arabia's undisputed leader. When the Prophet (ﷺ) triumphed over Mecca after many years of persecution, he treated the very people who abused him with grace, recalling the words of Joseph when his brothers begged for mercy in verse 92, "There is no blame on you today. May Allah forgive you! He is the Most Merciful of the merciful!"*

## 13. Thunder (Ar-Ra'd)

## سُورَةُ الرَّعْدِ

*This sûrah, which takes its name from the thunder in verse 13, elaborates upon the last verses of the previous sûrah (starting with 105) relating to Allah's magnificent signs in the heavens and earth which are met with neglect by the deniers; Allah's knowledge, might, and unwavering support for His prophets; the authenticity of the Quran; and warnings to the disbelievers. The sûrah touches on the qualities of the believers and the disbelievers and the reward for each. All these themes are reiterated in the next two sûrahs.*

## 14. Abraham (Ibrâhîm)

## سُورَةُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

*This Meccan sûrah is named after Prophet Abraham (ﷺ) who, upon settling his wife Hagar and his son Ismael in what later became the city of Mecca, invokes Allah to protect his descendants from idol-worship, a practice that Meccans were entrenched in at the time of this revelation (verses 35-41). The sûrah also refers to some of Allah's favours, which are met with ingratitude and denial. A sizable portion reveals how the disbelievers will be let down by Satan and tormented in Hell, wishing they had believed, according to the next sûrah (15:2).*

## 8. The Spoils of War (Al-Anfâl)

## سُورَةُ الْأَنْفَالِ

*This sûrah was revealed in Medina to explain how the spoils of war should be distributed following the believers' victory over the Meccan pagans at Badr in 2 A.H./624 C.E. The sûrah urges the believers to be true to Allah and His Messenger, reminding them of how they were outnumbered but Allah sent down angels for their aid. It is made clear that although victory comes only from Allah, the believers should always be ready to defend themselves and be open for peace. The pagans are warned that their plots to hinder others from Allah's Way and oppose the truth will only end in failure—a theme emphasized in both the previous and the following sûrahs.*

## 9. Repentance (At-Tawbah)

## سُورَةُ التَّوْبَةِ

*This sûrah, which is perceived as a continuation of the previous sûrah, begins by openly terminating the peace treaties constantly violated by the pagans. The believers are urged to march forth with the Prophet (ﷺ) for the Battle of Tabûk in the summer of 9 A.H./631 C.E. Hypocrites are exposed and their false excuses are refuted. Muslims are reminded of how Allah turned the believers' initial defeat into sweeping victory at the Battle of Hunain and how Allah saved His Messenger (ﷺ) from the pagans during his migration to Medina. Allah's acceptance of repentance is echoed throughout the sûrah, hence its title.*

## 10. Jonah (Yûnus)

## سُورَةُ يُوسُفَ

*Similar to the previous sûrah, this Meccan sûrah emphasizes Allah's acceptance of repentance, most notably in the case of the people of Jonah (verse 98). The pagan claims against the Quran are refuted both in this sûrah and the next. The short span of this worldly life and people's ingratitude to their Creator are elaborated upon. The Prophet (ﷺ) is urged to exercise patience in the face of denial. The stories of Noah's people and Pharaoh's people are cited as cautionary tales to the Meccan deniers, setting the stage for more elaborate warnings in the next sûrah.*

## 11. Hûd (Hûd)

## سُورَةُ هُودٍ

*This Meccan sûrah is named after Prophet Hûd (ﷺ), whose story is mentioned in verses 50-60. More details are given about Noah (ﷺ) in this sûrah than the previous sûrah and Sûrah 7. Just like the previous sûrah, the stories of destroyed disbelievers are meant to deter Arab pagans and reassure the Prophet (ﷺ) of his ultimate triumph, and a reference is made to the reward of the believers and the punishment of the disbelievers in the Hereafter.*

*the relationship between Muslims and the People of the Book, culminating in a rebuttal to the claims about the crucifixion and divinity of Jesus (ﷺ). Like the previous and the next sûrah, this sûrah also deals with the issue of hypocrisy—a common theme in many other Medinian sûrahs.*

## **5. The Spread Table (Al-Mâ'idah)**

## **سُورَةُ الْمَائِدَةِ**

*This Medinian sûrah takes its name from the story of the table mentioned in verses 112-115. Several rulings are laid out, including permissible and prohibited foods, hunting while on pilgrimage, and making a bequest while travelling. A reference is made to Allah's covenants with the Jews and Christians and how those covenants were repeatedly violated. The believers are urged to comply with Allah's judgment as communicated by the Prophet (ﷺ). Some topics that have been touched on in the previous sûrahs are detailed here, including making up for a broken oath, the sanctity of the human life, and the humanity of Jesus (ﷺ).*

## **6. Cattle (Al-An'âm)**

## **سُورَةُ الْأَنْعَامِ**

*Like the previous sûrah, this Meccan sûrah masterfully demonstrates Allah's power and knowledge, and thoroughly refutes pagan beliefs and unfounded practices, including animal offerings to the idols. Permissible and prohibited foods are explained in more detail than in the previous sûrah. The nature of prophethood is defined, making it clear that messengers cannot do anything without the Will of Allah. This sûrah begins by highlighting Allah's authority, just like the ending of the previous sûrah, and concludes by emphasizing accountability for one's deeds, just like the beginning of the next sûrah.*

## **7. The Heights (Al-A'râf)**

## **سُورَةُ الْأَعْرَافِ**

*This sûrah takes its name from the heights mentioned in verse 46. Like many other Meccan sûrahs, it recounts the stories of earlier prophets who were denied by their own people and how the deniers were eventually destroyed. As mentioned in the previous sûrah (6:10-11), these stories are meant to reassure the Prophet (ﷺ) and warn his people of Allah's torment. The story of Satan's arrogance and Adam's temptation and fall are detailed, along with lessons for the believers to beware of Satan's whispers. Details about Paradise and Hell (verses 36-53) here are unmatched by any previous sûrah. The powerlessness of idols is further emphasized. Full obedience to Allah and His prophets is stressed in this sûrah and the next.*

## 1. The Opening (Al-Fâtiḥah)

## سُورَةُ الْفَاتِحَةِ

*This Meccan sûrah, which is recited a total of seventeen times in the five daily prayers, serves as the cornerstone of the Quran. It sums up the relationship between the Creator and His creation, Allah's undisputed authority in this world and the Hereafter, and humanity's constant dependence on Him for guidance and assistance. The underlying theme is to acknowledge that He is the only god worthy of worship—a simple truth which the disbelievers fail to grasp. All fundamental principles encapsulated in this sûrah are spelled out in the rest of the Quran.*

## 2. The Cow (Al-Baqarah)

## سُورَةُ الْبَقَرَةِ

*This Medinian sûrah, which takes its name from the story of the cow in verses 67–73, details the main concepts of the previous sûrah, with emphasis on the qualities of the believers, disbelievers, and hypocrites; Allah's power to create and resurrect; the enmity of Satan towards Adam (ﷺ) and his descendants; as well as Allah's covenant with Moses (ﷺ) and the Children of Israel. Several rulings are given in regards to marital relationships, bequest, jihad, fasting, pilgrimage, donations, debts, and interest. Unlike the next sûrah, which focuses on the Christian perception of Jesus, this sûrah dedicates a sizable portion to Jewish attitudes and practices.*

## 3. The Family of 'Imrân (Âli-'Imrân)

## سُورَةُ آلِ إِمْرَانَ

*This Medinian sûrah takes its name from the Family of 'Imrân mentioned in verse 33. Like the previous sûrah, it reiterates the fact that Allah is the source of divine revelation and affirms the belief in Allah as the only Lord and Islam as His only accepted religion. The story of the birth of Mary, John the Baptist, and Jesus is mentioned, along with a challenge to the Christian perception of Jesus (ﷺ). The sûrah also touches on early battles against the Meccan pagans with emphasis on the lessons to be drawn from the Muslims' defeat at the Battle of Uhud, which took place in 3 A.H./625 C.E. The virtue of being mindful of Allah is highlighted at the end of this sûrah and the beginning of the next one.*

## 4. Women (An-Nisâ')

## سُورَةُ النِّسَاءِ

*This sûrah focuses on the rights of women (hence the sûrah's name), the law of inheritance, care for orphans, lawful and unlawful women to marry, and standing for justice (see the remarkable example of justice to a Jew in verses 105–112). As the sûrah progresses, the focus shifts to the etiquette of striving in the cause of Allah and*

6:73, 23:101, 39:68.

**Resurrection** 2:28, 16:38, 22:5-7, 23:16, 31:28, 41:39, 64:7; example in the story of Ezra 2:259, Abraham (ﷺ) 2:260, people of the cave 18:9-26; warning to resurrection deniers 17:49-52, 17:97-100, 19:66-72, 37:11-27, 50:1-15, 80:17-42.

**Day of Judgment**, *see* DOCTRINE

**Paradise**, as vast as the heavens and the earth 3:133, 57:21; running water, cool shade, delicacies, and pure mates 2:25, 4:57, 36:55-58, 37:40-49, 38:50-54, 44:51-57, 52:17-24, 69:19-24; 76:5-22; reward of the believers 55:46-78, 56:10-40; rivers of honey, milk, water, and wine 47:15; prayers and greetings 10:9-10, 39:73-74; saluted with greetings of peace 13:23-24, 14:32; everlasting stay in Bliss 11:108; never asked to leave 15:45-48; light shining ahead of them and on their right 57:12; no heat or cold 76:13; all wishes granted 16:30-32, 41:31-32; bracelets of gold and clothes of fine silk 18:30-31, 22:23-24, 44:51-53; trays of golden cups 43:67-73; silver vessels and fruits hanging within reach 76:14-16; reclining on thrones 15:47, 37:44, 52:20; believers will see their Lord 75:22-23.

**Hell**, burning and boiling water 22:19-22, 23:103-104; pus 14:14-17, 38:55-58, 69:35-37; tree of *Zaqqûm* 37:62-70, 44:43-50, 56:41-56; residents' inability to live or die 87:13; blame throwing 26:91-101, 34:31-33; calls for instant destruction 25:13-14, 43:74-78; fervent cries 35:36-37; Fire growling and roaring 25:11-12, 67:6-11; roasted skins replaced with new ones 4:56; shackles and clothes of tar 14:48-50; maces of iron 22:19-22; chains 13:5; keepers of Hell 39:71, 40:49-50, 43:77, 66:6, 67:8, 74:30-31, 96:18; no ransom accepted 5:36-37; intercession denied 6:94, 26:100, 30:13, 74:48.

**Regrets**, not following the Prophet 25:27; not obeying Allah and His Messenger 4:41-42, 33:64-68; taking evil friends 25:28-29, 26:96-102, 43:36-39; denying Allah's signs 6:27-30; not working for the Hereafter 89:23-24.

**Desperate pleas**, begging for return to the world 2:167, 6:27-28, 32:12-14, 42:44; for a second chance 35:36-37; to be removed from the Fire 40:10-12; for food and water 7:51-52; for intercessors 7:52-53; to be leveled to dust 4:41-42, 78:40; for death 43:74-78.

**Road to the Hereafter:**

**Qualities of the righteous**, observing the rights of the Creator and His creation 3:133-136, 4:36, 4:69-70, 6:151-154, 8:2-4, 13:19-24, 17:23-39, 18:107-108, 23:1-11, 25:63-76, 42:36-43.

**Qualities of the wicked**, ungrateful 14:34; stingy 17:100; hasty 21:37; remember Allah only in difficult times 10:12, 41:51; impatient 70:19; argumentative 18:54.

**Major Sins**, associating others with Allah in worship (*shirk*) 4:48, 4:116, 5:72, 6:19, 31:13; abusing one's own parents 4:36, 6:151, 17:23; neglecting obligatory prayers 19:59-60; not paying alms-tax 41:6-7; murder 6:151, 17:33; killing a believer intentionally 4:93; theft 5:38; fraud 7:85, 11:85, 26:182-183, 83:1-6; lying 2:10, 9:77, 39:60; lying about Allah 6:93, 29:68, 61:7; prohibited sexual relations 2:222, 17:32, 24:2, 25:68, 29:28-30; false accusations of adultery 24:4-5; apostasy 2:217, 5:54; eating swine and other forbidden foods (carrion, blood, etc.) 5:3, 6:145; alcohol and gambling 5:90-91; backbiting 49:11; false testimony 22:30; magic 2:102, 10:77, 20:69.

**Doors to forgiveness wide open** 4:110, 5:74, 39:53; evil deeds changed into good deeds 25:68-71.



**Shu'aib** (ﷺ) with his people 7:85-93, 11:84-95, 26:176-191.

**Solomon** (ﷺ): helps his father David (ﷺ) reach a fairer judgment 21:78-82; story with the ant 27:15-19; story with the hoopoe 27:20-28; story with the Queen of Sheba 27:22-44; Allah's favours upon him 34:12-14, 38:34-40; his love for fine horses 38:30-33.

**Zachariah** (ﷺ) praying for a child 3:37-41, 19:2-12, 21:89-90.

**Zul-Kifl** (ﷺ) (mentioned passingly) 21:85, 38:48.

## 2. Other stories

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## 3. Parables

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## THE UNSEEN

**Allah**, *see* DOCTRINE

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**Jinn**, created from fire 15:25, 55:15; believing and disbelieving jinn 72:1-15; some believed in the message of the Quran 46:29-32; humans and jinn created for a purpose 51:56-58. **Satan** (*Iblîs*), arrogance 2:34, 7:11-27, 15:26-43, 17:61-65, 38:73-85; a jinn 18:50-51; Adam's temptation and fall 7:20-23, 20:116-121; has no authority over the believers 16:98-100; his goal 35:6-8; a sworn enemy to humanity 12:5, 17:53; his party 53:14-19; his handiwork 5:90-91; discourages good deeds 2:268; believers seek refuge in Allah from him 7:200-202; his schemes are weak 4:76; lets his followers down 8:48; talk to his followers in Hell 14:22. **Devils** 2:102, 6:71, 6:112, 6:121, 7:27, 7:30, 17:27, 19:68, 19:83, 22:3-4, 23:97-98, 26:210, 37:7-10, 38:37-38, 67:5; devilish humans and jinn 6:112, 114:6; heaven protected against devils 15:16-18.

**Death** 3:185, 4:78, 6:61, 6:93, 21:35, 23:99-108, 31:34, 32:11, 44:56, 47:27, 50:19-20, 56:60-62, 56:83-96, 75:26-35; cannot be stopped or delayed 63:10-11; twin brother of sleep 6:60, 39:42; believers and disbelievers at the time of death 8:50, 16:27-32, 41:30; punishment in the grave 40:46.

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85; forgiven by Allah 2:37, 20:122.

**David** (ﷺ): kills Goliath 2:251; passes a judgment 21:78-79; inherits prophethood 27:15-16; mountains and birds join him in praising Allah 34:10, 38:17-20; judges between two people 38:21-26.

**Elias** (ﷺ) with his people 37:123-130.

**Elisha** (ﷺ) (mentioned passingly) 6:86, 38:48.

**Enoch** (ﷺ) (mentioned passingly) 19:56-57.

**Hûd** (ﷺ) with his people 7:65-72, 11:50-60, 26:124-140, 46:21-25.

**Isaac** (ﷺ) birth and prophethood 2:136, 3:84, 4:163, 6:84, 11:71, 12:6, 37:112-113.

**Ishmael** (ﷺ): raises foundations of the Ka'bah with his father 2:125-140; story of the sacrifice 37:100-113.

**Jacob** (Israel) (ﷺ): as a prophet 3:84, 3:93, 4:163, 6:84; in the story of his son Joseph 12:4-100.

**Jesus** (ﷺ): his virgin birth, message, and miracles 3:45-51, 19:16-38; reminded of Allah's favours 5:110-115; no more than a messenger 4:171-172, 5:75, 19:30; created by a word from Allah like Adam (ﷺ) 3:59; honoured in this world and the Hereafter 3:45-46; his mother chosen over all women of the world 3:42; denies being divine 5:116-120; Christians asked not to deify him 4:171; neither killed nor crucified 4:157; his second coming 43:61; his disciples stand up for Allah 3:52, 61:14; compassion and grace in the hearts of his followers 5:82, 57:27.

**Job** (ﷺ) tested then rewarded 21:83, 38:41-44.

**John the Baptist** (ﷺ) birth and prophethood 3:38-41, 19:7-15, 21:90.

**Jonah** (ﷺ) swallowed by whale then saved 10:98, 21:87, 37:139-148, 68:48-50.

**Joseph** (ﷺ): best of stories 12:1-3; young Yusuf's dream 12:4-6; conspiracy by his brothers 12:7-18; sold into slavery 12:19-20; raised in Egypt's Chief Minister's house 12:21-22; Chief Minister's wife tries to seduce him 12:23-29; banquet incident 12:30-32; goes to jail 12:33-35; the two inmates 12:36-42; King's dream 12:43-53; becomes Chief Minister 12:54-57; brothers come to him for supplies 12:58-68; takes his brother Benjamin 12:69-82; his father's renewed grief 12:83-87; reveals his true identity 12:88-98; old dream comes true 12:99-100; concluding prayer 12:101.

**Lot** (ﷺ) with his people 7:80-84, 11:77-83, 15:61-74, 21:71-75, 26:160-175, 29:28-35, 37:133-138, 54:33-39.

**Moses** (ﷺ): childhood 20:38-40; 28:7-13; fateful encounter at the burning bush 20:9-36, 27:7-14; 28:29-35; story with Pharaoh 7:103-137, 10:75-92, 11:96-99, 26:10-68; nine signs for Pharaoh and his people 7:130-133, 20:17-22, 17:101; defeats Pharaoh's magicians 20:70-73, 26:46-52; kills an Egyptian by mistake 28:14-21; escape to Midian and marriage 28:22-28; receives the Tablets 7:142-154, asks to see Allah on the Mount 7:142-145; honoured by Allah 33:69; Allah's favours to Israelites 2:47-61; rebukes his people for calf-worship 7:148-156, 20:83-99; Israelites refuse to enter Jerusalem 5:20-26.

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**Noah** (ﷺ): mocked 11:38; the Ark and the Flood 7:59-64, 11:25-48, 23:23-31, 26:105-122, 71:1-28; his son drowned 11:42-48.

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**Divorce:** arbitration and reconciliation 4:35, 4:128; etiquette of divorce 2:229-231, 65:1-2; dowry and waiting period 2:226-241, 4:19-21, 33:49, 65:1-7; husband not to take back anything of the dowry 4:20; wife not be harassed 65:6; wife to be supported financially during pregnancy 65:6; during her waiting period 65:6; if she nurses ex-husband's child, 65:6; no parent should suffer because of their child 2:233; opting for wet-nurse 65:6.

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**Oaths:** 2:224-225, 16:91-92, 16:94; making up for a broken oath 5:89.

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**Abraham (ﷺ):** raises the foundations of the Ka'bah 2:124-129; calls his people to the worship of the One True God 2:130-132, 26:69-89, 29:16, 29:24-27; debates arrogant king 2:258, inquires about resurrection 2:260; neither Jew nor Christian 3:65-68; refutes celestial worship 6:74-87; receives news of the birth of Isaac 11:69-76, 51:24-30; his prayer at the Ka'bah 14:35-41; visited by angels 15:51-56; a role model 16:123; calls his father to the truth 19:41-50; destroys idols and is saved from the fire 21:51-73, 37:83-113; calls all to the pilgrimage 22:26.

**Adam (ﷺ):** honoured by Allah, tempted by Satan 2:30-38, 7:11-25, 17:61-65, 18:50, 20:115-123, 38:71-

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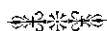


whereas a direct translation of the conversation would be rendered as a monologue in English. The same can be said of other pronouns such as ‘they.’

### THE QURANIC CHALLENGE

Unlike any other scripture, the Quran poses a falsification test to those who challenge its authenticity which, over time, was made easier and easier. The first challenge was to produce a similar book in Arabic (17:88). Next, the challenge was reduced to only ten *sûrahs* (11:13). Finally, the challenge was to only produce one *sûrah* similar to it (10:38), and despite the shortest *sûrah* being only ten words (*Sûrah* 108), none have been able to match it. The Quran also challenges readers to find contradictions (4:82). Some have attempted these challenges, only to prove their inability to match the elegance and eloquence of the divine revelation or their ignorance of the nuances of Arabic syntax and grammar.

was not going to befall you, and what has befallen you was not going to pass you by. And know that victory comes with perseverance, relief with affliction, and ease with hardship.”



Generalizations are also common in the Quran, where “the people,” or “the Jews,” etc., actually refers to a small group that said or did something that was not challenged by the larger group (*see* 5:64).

With some exceptions, the Quran does not dwell on the names of persons, places, or times (*see* for example 2:255 and 18:9-26). Rather, attention is usually focused on the moral of the story, making it valid for every people, time, and place.

To express the greatness and magnitude of a definite noun (such as *the* Straight Path, *the* Merciful Lord, etc.), the Quran often uses that name in an indefinite form (*a* Straight Path, *a* Merciful Lord, etc.), but this translation uses the definite form in these instances in order to maintain the true meaning in English.

The Quran states that the pleasures which Allah has prepared for the believers in Paradise are beyond human comprehension (*see* 32:17). Hence, generic terms (e.g., rivers, gardens, fruits, garments of silk, bracelets of gold, etc.) are often used to describe these pleasures in an appealing way, bringing it down to our level of understanding, whereas the realities of Paradise are far beyond these descriptions. These terms are no different than those one would have used in 1876 C.E. to describe a cutting-edge smartphone to Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone.

### LETTERS AND PRONOUNS

Of the twenty-nine letters of the Arabic alphabet, only fourteen appear in various combinations at the beginning of twenty-nine *sûrahs* of the Quran. These letters are: *Nûn*, *Şâd*, *Ha*, *Kâf*, *Ya*, *Mîm*, *Qâf*, *Alif*, *Ṭa*, *ʿAin*, *Lâm*, *Ha*, *Sîn*, and *Ra*. According to Ibn Kathîr, a renowned Quran commentator, in his explanation of 2:1, these letters can be arranged into an Arabic sentence that reads نَصُّ حَكِيمٍ قَاطِعٌ لَهُ سِرٌّ which roughly translates to: “A wise, decisive text, full of wonders.” Although several theories have been suggested by scholars regarding the meaning of these letters, it is commonly believed that these letters are among the miracles of the Quran and, as such, no one knows their actual meaning except Allah.

Unlike other conjunctions like *fa* ف (then/right after) and *thumma* ثُمَّ (then/after), *wa* و (and) does not signify an order of events. The subjects of ‘and’ clauses have sometimes been rearranged for better flow in English, such as ‘day and night’ instead of ‘night and day,’ ‘seen and unseen’ instead of ‘unseen and seen,’ etc. (*see* 35:19-22).

One of the first things that strikes novice readers of the Quran is that the word ‘We’ is frequently used when Allah speaks (*see* 15:9-23). This plural form, known as the royal we, is employed to indicate reverence and not number. Almost always, ‘Allah,’ ‘I,’ or ‘He’ is mentioned either before or after to emphasize Allah’s oneness.

Another visible stylistic feature is the ‘rotation of pronouns’ (*iltifât*) found throughout the Quran, alternating between first person, second person, and third person (*see* 17:1). If rendered verbatim into English this rhetorical device becomes entirely meaningless, as it is rarely found in any Indo-European language at all, and almost never in English.

A similar feature is found in the referential nature of pronouns in either language. In Classical Arabic, especially in the Quran, the repeated use of a single pronoun (such as ‘he’) rotates in reference, which is to say it first speaks of the first speaker, then the next use speaks of the second speaker, then back to the first, all using the same pronoun (*see* 26:24-31). In this way, repeatedly using “he said” would indicate a dialogue,

The Quran contains some fascinating numerical patterns. For example, ‘Paradise’ and ‘Hell’ are each repeated 77 times, ‘angels’ and ‘devils’ 88 times, ‘world’ and ‘Hereafter’ 115 times, ‘prayers’ (*ṣalawât*) 5 times (the exact number of daily prayers), ‘punishment’ 117 times, whereas ‘forgiveness’ is repeated double that number, 234 times. ‘Day’ is repeated 365 times (the average number of days in the year), ‘days’ 30 times (the average number of days in the month), and ‘month’ 12 times (the number of months in the year).

Sarcasm is another common feature of the Quran, especially when it talks about the fate of those who ridicule the truth (*see* 24:53 and 44:49). So readers can expect to see a warning such as: “Give them good news of a painful punishment.” This style aims at paying the ridiculers back in kind as well as adding more intensity to the warning.

Many passages in the Quran utilize a preferential style called *tafdîl* –that is to say, two things share a certain quality but one of them supersedes the other. For example, the Quran says repeatedly that the people of Pharaoh were more powerful and resourceful than the people of Mecca. However, some structures look like *tafdîl* but do not actually signify a comparison in quality. The assumption that both sides share the same quality but one is greater than the other is what causes confusion in most translations of the Quran. For example, when 12:33 suggests that going to prison is dearer to Joseph (ﷺ) than committing adultery, this does not mean that either option is dear to him. Similarly, 17:84 suggests that the believers’ Way is better in guidance than that of the pagans, but in truth the latter is not guided at all. Furthermore, 11:78 suggests that Lot (ﷺ) instructs men that the single women of his nation are purer for marriage than other men, when other men are not pure for marriage in the first place.

### EMPHASIS

Emphasis is commonplace in the Quran, especially where a concept is likely to be challenged by the skeptics. Sometimes one or more emphasis words are used, such as ‘surely,’ ‘indeed,’ and ‘certainly’ (*see* 15:9). The repetition of a sentence two consecutive times is also used as emphasis, such as 102:3-4: “But no! You will soon come to know. Again, no! You will soon come to know.” The repetition of a verb in its noun form can also be used to similar effect. If translated literally, 56:4 will read, “When the earth will be shaken with a shaking,” whereas the meaning is: “When the earth will be violently shaken.” Lastly, an oath is one of the most common forms of emphasis. Allah has the right to swear by any of His creation, such as the sun and the moon, the day and night, the heaven and earth (91:1-6). However, a Muslim can only swear by Allah.

### PERSONS, TIME, AND PLACE

To prove its divine nature, the Quran often refers to past events that were not known to anyone at the time of the revelation (*see* 12:25-42 and 27:17-28), constantly reminding the Prophet (ﷺ) that, since he was not an eyewitness to these events, it was through divine revelation that he came to know about them (*see* 12:102). The Quran also foretells future events that were later proven true (*see* 30:1-6 and 48:27).

Unlike English, the Arabic language has only three tenses: past, present, and future. The Quran is unique in using the past tense to refer to future events, particularly when it describes the Day of Judgment (*see* 39:68-75). In addition to reminding us that Allah is not bound by the limits of time, the aim is to give the impression that these events are so certain to happen that it is as if they have already happened. However, when these sentences are translated into English (or any other language for that matter), the future tense is used.

Although the Quran is not arranged chronologically, the *sûrahs* are perfectly interrelated. Some of the stories or themes that are touched on passingly in one *sûrah* are explained in detail in the next *sûrah* (see 12:105 and 13:1-17). In some cases, both the end of a *sûrah* and the beginning of the next *sûrah* cover the same subject (see 53:57-62 and 54:1-5). One *sûrah* might give some stories and the next will continue the narrative by adding more stories (see *sûrahs* 37 and 38). Additionally, two consecutive *sûrahs* might cover the exact same themes, but in a different order (see *sûrahs* 55 and 56).

Quranic *sûrahs* have diverse themes, with main overarching subjects (e.g., verses 2:221-242), interjected by secondary subjects (e.g., verses 2:238-239). In essence, all themes have a common denominator: one's relationship with their Creator and the rest of His creation. Assuming that not everyone will read the Quran in its entirety, readers will run into this common denominator at any given *sûrah*.

## STYLE

With the word 'Quran' (lit., recitation) repeated about seventy times, the Quran is unique in that it actually speaks about itself, its Revealer, its purpose, its devotees, and its detractors. The author of this profound book is nowhere to be found on the cover; rather He reveals Himself on every page, speaking with authority, offering compelling proofs, giving commandments to prophets, believers, and all of humanity.

Perhaps one of the most visible stylistic features of the Quran is repetition, which comes in three different forms:

1) **Repetitive phrases** such as "Then which of your Lord's favours will you both deny?" which appears a total of thirty-one times in *Sûrah* 55 and "Woe on that Day to the deniers!" which appears ten times in *Sûrah* 77. Far from redundancy, the purpose of repetition in these two instances is to create an impact by reinforcing the point being made—to acknowledge Allah's many blessings in the former and deter people from denying Allah in the latter. This rhetorical device is still employed by many modern orators. One of the most notable examples is the repetition of "I have a dream" and "Let freedom ring" in Martin Luther King's 1963 famous speech.

2) **Repetitive themes** such as the arguments for Allah's oneness, uniqueness, and power in *sûrahs* 16, 35, and 112; the comparison between Paradise and Hell in *sûrahs* 37, 39, 40, and 41; and the horrors of Judgment Day in *sûrahs* 77, 78, 79, 80, and 81. The purpose is to emphasize a recurring theme (e.g., the reward of the believers and disbelievers) or present more details (e.g., the testimony of bodily organs in 41:19-24 and the fruit of the *Zaqqûm* tree in 37:62-68).

3) **Repetitive stories** such as the story of Moses (ﷺ) in *sûrahs* 7, 18, 26, and 28 and Abraham (ﷺ) in *sûrahs* 2, 6, 19, and 37. The purpose is to reassure the Prophet (ﷺ) and focus on a different aspect of the life of these prophets. For example, the highlights of the story of Moses (ﷺ) in *Sûrah* 7 are the arrogance of Pharaoh, the defeat of the magicians, and the suffering of the Children of Israel. In *Sûrah* 26, the focus shifts to Moses' childhood, his unintentional killing of an Egyptian man, as well as his escape to Midian and his marriage.

The fact that these repetitive themes and stories are perfectly consistent, despite having been revealed over the course of two decades to an unlettered prophet, is yet another proof of the divine source of the Quran.

## STYLISTIC FEATURES OF THE QURAN

The Quran was revealed in 7<sup>th</sup> century Arabia, where people took so much pride in their mastery of Arabic that literary fairs were commonly held and prized poems were inscribed in gold for all to see. The Quran, which is believed to be Allah's inimitable Word, is a literary miracle, unmatched by any other work of Arabic literature. While Arabic has served as the medium for communicating the Quranic message, the Quran has forever changed the landscape of Arabic literary tradition, promoting Arabic to a leading world language and influencing other languages including Farsi, Urdu, Swahili, Turkish, Spanish, and many others. Several sciences have emerged to serve the Quran such as *tafsîr* (Quranic commentary), *tawhîd* (theology), *fiqh* (jurisprudence), *tajwîd* (phonetic rules of recitation), *qirâ'ât* (styles of recitation), *nahw* and *ṣarf* (grammar and morphology), *balâghah* (rhetoric), and *khatt* (calligraphy). Algebra was also developed in part to solve issues related to the distribution of inheritance shares laid out in *Sûrah* 4. Together with the *Sunnah* or the example of the Prophet (ﷺ), the Quran is the bedrock of Muslim civilization and the main source of Islamic law and practice. The following are some of the distinctive stylistic features of the Quran in its original Arabic form.

### STRUCTURE

The body of the Quran is made up of 6236 verses (or *âvât*, plural of *âyah*, which literally means sign, proof, or miracle), composed of 114 *sûrahs* in more than 600 pages. A *sûrah* usually takes its name from the main theme, a story, or a distinctive word within it. With the exception of *Sûrah* 9, all *sûrahs* begin with the *basmalah*: “In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful.” Depending on their respective *sûrah*, verses typically rhyme and vary in length—some are long (2:282 is the longest at fifteen lines long), while others are short (20:1 is the shortest at only two Arabic letters). The Quran is divided into 30 parts (or *ajzâ'*, plural of *juz'*), each with 8 subparts (or *arbâ'*, plural of *rub'*, which are marked with ﴿ ۞ ﴾), making it convenient for reading and memorization.

This symbol ﴿ ۞ ﴾ signifies one of fifteen prostrations (or *sajadât*, plural of *sajdah*) in the Quran. When prostrating, one should say, “My face prostrates to the One Who created and fashioned it, and brought forth its ‘faculties of’ hearing and sight with His power and might. So blessed is Allah, the Best of Creators,” ﴿سَجَدَ وَجْهِي لِلَّذِي خَلَقَهُ وَصَوَّرَهُ وَشَقَّى سَمْعَهُ وَبَصَرَهُ بِحَوْلِهِ وَقُوَّتِهِ فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ﴾ as the Prophet (ﷺ) is reported to have said in a narration collected by Al-Hâkim. Otherwise, one can just say, “Glory be to my Lord, the Most High.” ﴿سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى﴾

Of the Quran's 114 *sûrahs*, eighty-six are classified as Meccan because they were revealed before the Prophet's emigration to Medina. These *sûrahs* focus mainly on restoring the belief in the One True God. The other twenty-eight *sûrahs* are categorized as Medinian since they were revealed after the Prophet's emigration from Mecca with an emphasis on the commandments regarding a Muslim's relationship with their Lord, their fellow humans, and the rest of Allah's creation. Some Meccan *sûrahs* may have Medinian verses and vice versa. *Sûrahs* and passages were revealed over a period of twenty-three years to address issues facing the Muslim community. As instructed by Allah through the angel Gabriel, the Prophet (ﷺ) ordered his scribes to arrange *sûrahs* mostly according to their lengths, with the longest *sûrahs* first, not chronologically.

The name “Muḥammad” appears only four times in the Quran. In some cases, words such as “Prophet” and “Messenger” are used to address him. But most of the time, the Prophet is addressed in the second person “you,” this is when “O Prophet” will be used between half brackets “” to indicate that “you” is referring to Muḥammad (ﷺ) and not to the believers or anyone else.

ﷺ and ﷺ are calligraphic contractions of Arabic phrases meaning ‘peace be upon him,’ and ‘peace be upon them’ respectively. They are used respectfully after the mention of prophets outside the text of the Quran.

“The Day of Judgment” and “Judgment Day” are equivalent and used interchangeably based on the flow in English.

Abbreviations used in this translation:

A.H. After *Hijrah*

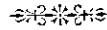
B.C.E. Before Common Era

C.E. Common Era

e.g., *exempli gratia*, ‘for example’

i.e., *id est*, ‘that is to say’

lit., literally



## TRANSLITERATION TABLE

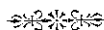
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ا	a:	â	<i>Fâtîḥah</i>	ظ	ðˤ	ẓ	<i>Zihâr</i>	هـ	h	h	<i>Humazah</i>
ء	ʔ	'	<i>Nisâ'</i>	ع	ʕ	'	<i>An'âm</i>	و	w	w	<i>Wâqî'ah</i>
ب	b	b	<i>Baqarah</i>	غ	ɣ	gh	<i>Ghâfir</i>	وُ	u:	û	<i>Burûj</i>
ت	t	t	<i>Tîn</i>	ف	f	f	<i>Furqân</i>	ي	j	y	<i>Yâ-Sîn</i>
ث	θ	th	<i>Kawthar</i>	ق	q	q	<i>Qalam</i>	يَ	i:	î	<i>Ibrâhîm</i>
ج	dʒ	j	<i>Fajr</i>	ك	k	k	<i>Kahf</i>	اَ	a	a	<i>Shams</i>
ح	ħ	ḥ	<i>Ḥajj</i>	ل	l	l	<i>'Alaq</i>	اِ	i	i	<i>Jinn</i>
خ	x	kh	<i>Ikhlâṣ</i>	م	m	m	<i>Mariam</i>	اُ	u	u	<i>Mulk</i>
د	d	d	<i>Balad</i>	ن	n	n	<i>Nûḥ</i>				

English translation. For example, the word ‘corn’ is no longer used to describe all forms of grain, yet many translations still use this word to describe the fields in the dream of the King in the story of Joseph (12:43 and 46). When Yusuf Ali first wrote this in 1934, it may have been acceptable to refer to wheat as a kind of corn, but in modern vocabulary this is totally unheard of, yet many translations simply erroneously copy that word into their own works.

It is clear that the modern age demands not only a great scholar of Arabic and the Quran to come to the table, but also a modern, adaptable scholar of the English language, as well as someone with native fluency who knows how the translation will be received.

The reception of the Quran by English audiences now indicates a third stage in the historical development of Quran translation. At first it was an academic exercise, a curious study of the ‘other.’ Next, Muslims translated the Quran as a matter of love or pride, and they shared it among themselves. With this long history and background, and a team of experts in the Quran and in the English language, the struggle we now face is transmitting the real beauty and message of the Quran to Muslims and non-Muslims alike who are interested in it and who also know and love English.

*The Alcoran* of Ross was the first small step forward, and Yusuf Ali’s *The Holy Qur ’an* was a turning point in the history of the Quran in English. The next step is to overcome the obstacles outlined here and to deliver Allah’s Final Testament to English speaking audiences like never before. The next step is *The Clear Quran*.



## NOTES ON TRANSLATION

Allah’s names and attributes are capitalized as well as pronouns used to reference Him.

Proper nouns referring to events and cosmology are also capitalized, such as the Day of Judgment, the Day, the Hour, the Hereafter, Paradise, and Hell.

In some cases, the use of a pronoun would be confusing or misleading, so it has been replaced with the corresponding noun for clarity. Similarly, in some places where the ‘rotation of pronouns’ (*iltifāt*) is found in the Arabic, pronouns have been altered in English to maintain pronoun agreement.

Gendered pronouns have been replaced with ‘they’ where the meaning is neutral, except in the case of Allah, Who is referred to as ‘He’ despite being gender-neutral in order to preserve the use of a singular pronoun, while avoiding the use of ‘it.’

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Half brackets “ ” indicate words inserted into the English which do not directly correspond to Arabic words in the original text.

The most frequently used speech verb in the Quran is “said,” especially in conversation. To enrich conversations in English, several speech verbs are used in this translation (such as replied, cried, protested, pleaded, and threatened), depending on the meaning (*see* 18:71-73).

with translating the Quran value language density, and the religious and scholarly traditions of the English language assume a correlation between complexity of language and truth. This correlation has been carried over into translations of the Quran despite complexity, density, and inaccessibility being tenets far from Islamic scholarly tradition. What we are left with are translations that, though they may be technically correct, miss the simplicity, vigour, or eloquence of the original in favour of a contrived sense of divinity.

Two striking examples of overinflated, though accurate, English translations come to mind. First, M.M. Pickthall writes, “Be modest in thy bearing and subdue thy voice. Lo! the harshest of all voices is the voice of the ass.” (31:19) In today’s English, this can only be read as a rather vulgar statement, especially by non-academic readers and should instead be rendered, “Be moderate in your pace and lower your voice, for the ugliest of all voices is certainly the braying of donkeys.” Second, T.B. Irving writes of 44:16, “Some day We will kidnap everyone in the greatest operation; We shall be Avenged!” Giving Allah a distinctly immature, vindictive, and even rueful voice where a more appropriate translation is, “‘On’ the Day We will deal ‘you’ the fiercest blow, We will surely inflict punishment.”

The tone of the Quran, as a revelation for all humanity, relies heavily on a number of emotions as well, and a poor understanding of English can lead even great scholars of Arabic into error with translation. There are numerous instances in the Quran of sarcasm and wit, which are often lost entirely in complicated and fragile grammar structures. Elegance and prose are also usually cast out of translations, especially when scholars use a rigid word-for-word replacement technique to encode Arabic into a mock-English cypher that sometimes gives the opposite meaning of what is intended in the verse. The problem with undervaluing the subtleties and intricacies of human language can be underlined by examining the work of Dr. M. Mahmoud Ghali. He translates 4:105, “and do not be a constant adversary of the treacherous.” The true translation of this verse is, “so do not be an advocate for the deceitful.” A similar example can be found in his translation of 100:8, “And surely he is indeed constantly (passionate) in his love for charity,” where “love for charity” in fact refers to “greed for ‘worldly’ gains.”

In respecting the order and particulars of the Arabic words being used, the meaning of dozens of idioms are lost in translation, hundreds of sentences become a tangled mess of improper grammar, and the flow and ease of reading is entirely lost. It is better to respect the meaning and power of the Quran than the language it happened to be revealed in, otherwise one might end up with the near blasphemous statement found in the Şaḥeeḥ International translation, “They have forgotten Allah, so He has forgotten them.” (9:67) Surely Allah does not ‘forget’ anything or anyone. Google Translate might give up a similar translation, but the meaning is poetic, it is much closer to ‘neglect.’ Both parties are aware of each other, but when humans neglect their duties to Allah, He neglects them in the Fire: “They neglected Allah, so He neglected them.”

Aside from these more theologically problematic translation issues, there are dozens of simple grammar structures in the Quran that are easy, clear, or beautiful in Arabic, but entirely untranslatable. Rather than try to fit the English structures and words into a foreign context, it is much better to accept English for what it has to offer and use its own native poetry and balance to create a translation that carries the real meaning and power of the Perfect Book.

With grammar and the particularities of translating aside, a considerable understanding of the context of the Quranic revelation itself as well as the stories found within is needed in order to render a proper



## INTRODUCTION

The first translation of the Quran into English was done in 1649 by Alexander Ross. Since that first translation, many more attempts have been made to penetrate the work from an outside, academic point of view, but it wasn't until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century that it was translated by a Muslim. In 1934, Yusuf Ali would produce one of the most widely circulated versions to date.

Aside from concerns about academia and orientalism, translating the Quran can be an enormous task even for the sincere of heart. Arabic, as a Semitic language, has words that have meanings and shades of meanings which do not easily move over into English, and total mastery of both languages is needed before any truly satisfactory translation can be put forward. Translators also struggle to render what they believe to be the right meaning into a foreign language—knowing that it is almost impossible to reflect the Arabic style, rhythms, and figures of speech, while also struggling with different interpretations of the original Arabic words.

The development of linguistics, current events, and the gradual drift of the English language puts us in an important time to move forward in Quranic translations. For the most part, a lack of understanding Arabic can be seen in older, less popular works from European scholars, however mistakes and errors are persistent in more modern copies, and blunders can even be found in the likes of Yusuf Ali when he writes, “those who believe not in the hereafter name the angels with female names.” (53:27) A brief survey of names such as Gabriel, Michael, and Mâlik offers no female names whatsoever. Keeping in mind that some pagan Arabs believed that the angels were Allah's daughters, the true translation can be rendered, “those who do not believe in the Hereafter label the angels as female.”

The failure to understand the complex forms of Classical Arabic found in the Quran, and sometimes found only in the Quran, can be a stumbling block for many scholars, but even those with a strong understanding of Arabic need to have their intelligence backed with the wisdom found in a sound theological background. Without understanding the religious context of the Quran, such mistakes can be made as when Muhsin Khan & Muhammad al-Hilali write, “Allah will never lead a people astray after He has guided them until He makes clear to them as to what they should avoid.” (9:115)

In context, the verse is instructing the Prophet (ﷺ) and his companions that they should no longer pray to Allah for the forgiveness of polytheists after their death. As pointed out by Ibn Kathîr, drawing on the understanding of Aṭ-Ṭabari, the meaning is clearly “Allah would never consider a people deviant after He has guided them, until He makes clear to them what they must avoid.”

For these reasons it is clear that any translation of the Quran must be led by scholars with a profound understanding of the theological context of the Quran, as well as a native understanding of Arabic, but also considerable training in the meaning of the Classical Arabic particular to the Quran. These three things enable a scholar to truly understand the Quran, and a profound understanding is the first step towards a good translation.

Of course, a firm understanding of Arabic is not all that is needed in order to translate the Quran effectively. The Quran states repeatedly that it is accessible, clear, and easy to understand, so it would be an error to translate it into dense or inaccessible language. Naturally, the academic traditions that first dealt

## TRANSLATOR’S NOTES

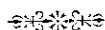
It was a summer day in Toronto and I had just finished leading the Friday congregation at a downtown mosque. On the way home I had an unlikely encounter, since all my cab-drivers in Toronto had been Muslims so far. That day my driver was non-Muslim, so he was able to identify me as Muslim simply because of my traditional Arab garb. Out of nowhere, he commented, “I think Muslims are good, but Islam is evil!” Taken aback by this Fox News style rhetoric, I responded, “Well, first of all thanks for the compliment about Muslims, but why do you think Islam is bad?” He replied, “Because your holy book calls me an animal.” In astonishment, I answered, “I know the whole Quran by heart and I don’t think it says that anywhere!” He cited 8:55, and I responded by telling him that the word *dābbah* in Arabic does not mean an animal but a living being (see 24:45). He persisted, saying that his translation says so. I later checked many popular translations by Muslims and non-Muslims and realized that the man was right. This fateful encounter opened my eyes to the rampant mistranslations and misrepresentations of the Quran.

The Quran was revealed to Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ) in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and was not translated into English by a Muslim until the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Many Muslims had long believed that the Quran should only be read in Arabic, the original language of revelation. This led to many inaccurate, ill-willed translations by missionaries and orientalist—which explains why we still see some words like ‘holy war’ and ‘infidels’ as well as many theological inaccuracies in some existing translations. All this leads to endless false assumptions about Islam and Muslims. Some Muslim translators are no better off than their non-Muslim counterparts because they are not well-versed in Arabic, or English, or Islamic studies, or translation, or all of the above. Looking up words in an Arabic-English dictionary or copying earlier translations when frustrated does not always guarantee accuracy in translation. There are some noteworthy modern translations like that of Dr. Ahmad Zaki Hammad (2007) and Dr. M.A.S. Abdel Haleem (2004), but many are either overtranslated, making it difficult for laypeople to understand, or undertranslated, doing a great disservice to the Quran. This is why I saw a need for an accurate, smooth, and accessible translation.

To achieve accuracy, I have made use of the greatest and most celebrated works of old and modern *tafsîr* (Quran commentaries), and shared the work with several Imams in North America for feedback and insight. For clarity, every effort has been made to select easy to understand words and phrases that reflect the beauty and power of the original text. Along with informative footnotes, verses have been grouped and titled based on their themes for a better understanding of the *sûrahs*, their main concepts, and internal coherence.

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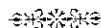
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